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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON**

2 **TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 ON PAGE 209]**

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. AND WE WELCOME YOU

6 TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY

7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY MARCH 5TH. AND WE TAKE

8 NOTE THAT WE HAVE THREE SUPERVISORS PRESENT. SUPERVISOR

9 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS SOON TO ARRIVE. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER WILL

10 NOT BE HERE TODAY. WE ALSO NOTE THAT OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

11 OFFICER, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR

12 SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. AND WE WILL NOW BEGIN

13 WITH THE INVOCATION, WHICH WILL BE LED BY PASTOR STEPHANIE

14 JAEGER FROM ST. MATHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD IN

15 THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF

16 ALLEGIENCE, LED BY MATTHEW JOHN MITCHELL, MEMBER OF THE

17 AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 109 IN GARDENA IN THE SECOND

18 DISTRICT. IF YOU'RE ABLE, PLEASE STAND.

19

20 **PASTOR STEPHANIE JAEGER:** I INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME IN THIS

21 PRAYER. DIVINE POWER, WE COME BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING IN THE

22 SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING. THANKSGIVING FOR YOUR AGENTS OF GOOD,

23 OUR SUPERVIORS, HAHN, SOLIS, RIDLEY-THOMAS, KUEHL, AND BARGER,

24 AND ALL WHO WORK WITH THEM. ALL WHO DEDICATE THEMSELVES AND

25 THEIR LIVES TO SEEKING THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE, THE

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1 EARTH, AND THE FUTURE OF L.A. COUNTY. THIS MORNING, I LIFT UP
2 BEFORE US ALL THOSE WHO LABOR ON OUR BEHALF THROUGHOUT THE
3 COUNTY, THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNER WHO MAKES SIGNS MARKING OUR
4 ROADWAYS, THE PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT WHO WORKED ALL NIGHT LONG
5 IN THE E.R. OF A COUNTY HOSPITAL, THE MECHANIC WHO REPAIRS THE
6 VANS L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS USE TO
7 SHUTTLE PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO THE MENTAL
8 HEALTHCARE THEY DESPERATELY NEED, THE INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL
9 CALCULATING THE WORKERS' COMP PAYMENTS TO PROTECT INJURED
10 WORKERS, THE GARDENERS WHO CARE FOR THE EARTH ON WHICH L.A.
11 COUNTY BUILDINGS SIT, THE SECURITY GUARDS PROTECTING US NOW AT
12 THE ENTRIES OF THIS BUILDING. STRENGTHEN THESE WORKERS, BLESS
13 THEM WITH THE AWARENESS THAT IT IS THEIR LABOR THAT BUILDS THE
14 BELOVED AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY WE CHERISH. AT THIS FIRST
15 MEETING IN MARCH, WE LIFT UP THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOSE WHOSE
16 SUCCESS OFTEN GOES UNNOTICED OR UNDERNOTICED. I LIFT UP THE
17 WOMEN AT THIS TABLE IN THIS HEARING ROOM AND THE WOMEN WHO
18 CLEAN THE TABLES AND THE FLOORS IN OUR BUILDING, THE
19 EXTRAORDINARY, CREATIVE, AND PATIENT SOCIAL WORKERS AND OTHER
20 HUMAN SERVICES PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE ON THE FRONTLINES OF
21 ENDING HOMELESSNESS, YES, ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY. I
22 LIFT UP THE FOOD BANK WORKERS AND NUTRITION TEACHERS WHO FIGHT
23 DAILY TO END HUNGER AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE. AND
24 THE EMERGENCY WORKERS AND TEACHERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND BLOOD
25 DONORS OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. WE ARE BLESSED IN L.A.

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1 COUNTY. WE ARE BLESSED WITH A GENEROUS NATURAL WORLD AND AN
2 IMAGINATIVE, STRONG PEOPLE THAT CREATE THE MOST DIVERSE, THE
3 MOST BEAUTIFUL, THE MOST INSPIRING COUNTY AND COMMUNITY IN OUR
4 NATION. WHERE THERE IS BROKENNESS IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM AND
5 NEIGHBORHOODS STILL ARE NEWLY PLAGUED BY VIOLENCE, IN OUR
6 HOUSING SUPPLY, WHERE THERE IS BROKENNESS, USE US ALL TO WORK
7 FOR THE JUST AND ABUNDANT VISION FOR COMMUNITY YOU INSTILL IN
8 US. POUR OUT YOUR WISDOM, OH GOD, ON YOUR SERVANTS AT THIS
9 TABLE. LIFT FROM THEM ANY PERSONAL CONCEITS THAT MIGHT BLIND
10 THEM TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR PEOPLE. FILL THEM WITH HOPE AND
11 STRENGTH AND AWARENESS OF THEIR POWER TO DO GOOD FOR OUR SAKE
12 THROUGH THEIR WORDS, THEIR DEEDS, AND THEIR VOTES. BLESS THESE
13 DELIBERATIONS. MAY THE OUTCOMES FURTHER THE DIVINE VISION FOR
14 A JUST, HEALTHY, AND PEACEFUL WORLD.

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16 **MATTHEW JOHN MITCHELL:** MAY YOU REMAIN STANDING AND PLACE YOUR
17 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. AND THOSE WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY
18 MAY SALUTE. AND WE WILL DO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE
19 FLAG. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, TO SPEAK OUR INVOCATEUR.
22 OUR INVOCATION WAS LED TODAY BY PASTOR STEPHANIE JAEGER ST.
23 MATHEWS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. PASTOR STEPHANIE'S FAITH AND
24 ACTION JUSTICE COMMITMENTS INCLUDE, AS YOU COULD TELL FROM THE
25 INVOCATION, ELIMINATING HOMELESSNESS, COMBATING HUNGER LOCALLY

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1 AND GLOBALLY, BROADENING UNDERSTANDING ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS,
2 HELPING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES LIVE FULL AND MEANINGFUL
3 LIVES, AND BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES
4 ON THE BOARDS OF NEW CITY PARISH, CLUE, GERTA, INTERNATIONAL
5 CHARTER SCHOOL, AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SOCIAL CIRCUS. PLEASE
6 HELP ME THANK PASTOR STEPHANIE JAEGER. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
11 COLLEAGUES. PLEASE JOIN ME IN ACKNOWLEDGING MR. MATTHEW
12 MITCHELL WHO SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY FROM 1958 TO 1962 AND
13 ATTAINED THE RANK OF PETTY OFFICER. HIS LAST UNIT OF
14 ASSIGNMENT WAS ABOARD THE U.S.S. HENRY W. TUCKER AS A
15 MACHINIST MATE SECOND CLASS. MR. MITCHELL IS THE RECIPIENT OF
16 THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE AND THE ARMED FORCES
17 EXPEDITIONARY MEDALS. HE WAS RAISED IN TEXAS AND IS AN ALUMNI
18 OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH, MADAM CHAIR, WHERE
19 HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE. AFTER LEAVING THE
20 NAVY, MR. MITCHELL WAS EMPLOYED AT THE LONG BEACH NAVAL
21 SHIPYARD WHERE HE SERVED AS A SUPERVISING PRODUCTION ENGINEER
22 TECHNICIAN UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
23 NAVAL SHIPYARD, MR. MITCHELL JOINED THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
24 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WORKED FOR 10 YEARS AS A TEACHER AND
25 COUNSELOR. HE IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST

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1 NO. 109, A POST THAT WAS CHARTERED IN 2012 BY THE BRYANT
2 TEMPLE A.M.E. CHURCH WHERE DR. CLYDE ODEN WAS PASTOR. HE HAS
3 TWO DAUGHTERS, CRYSTAL AND MAJORAN, AND IS A 64-YEAR RESIDENT
4 OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. SO, MR. MITCHELL, WE
5 WISH TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR
6 COMMUNITY AND FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
7 PLEASE, A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR MATTHEW JOHN MITCHELL.

8 [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
11 WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
14 THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3 WITH THE SET
15 MATTER THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP AT 11 A.M. AS INDICATED ON THE
16 POSTED AGENDA. S-1 IS A DISCUSSION RELATED TO POLICIES AND
17 GRANTS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL FOR MEASURE A, THE SAFE CLEAN
18 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND BEACHES MEASURES OF 2016. THIS ITEM IS
19 RELATED TO ITEM 1-P. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED ONE
20 TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS. ON PAGE 4,
21 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL
22 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ITEM 1-P WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH
23 S-1. ON PAGE 5, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1
24 THROUGH 18. ON ITEMS 1 AND 2, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
25 THAT THE THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND

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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS
2 ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 48. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED
3 ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM
4 4, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
5 8, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
6 ITEM 10, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
7 ONE WEEK TO MARCH 12TH, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
8 AGENDA. ON ITEM 11, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT
9 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 17, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
11 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
12 ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
13 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 12TH, 2019. ON PAGE 14,
14 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 19 THROUGH 59. ON ITEM 19,
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
16 21, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
17 ITEM 22, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
18 BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 19TH, 2019. ON ITEM 24 AND 25,
19 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
20 ITEM 32, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS
21 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 12TH, 2019. ON ITEM 33, A
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
23 34, THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
24 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT AS INDICATED ON THE
25 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 35, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST

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1 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 36, THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL
2 HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH
3 12TH, 2019. ON ITEM 37, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
4 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 38, DUE TO A LACK OF FIVE VOTES,
5 THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 12TH, 2019. ON
6 ITEM 40, 41, AND 43, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE
7 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 48, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 3. ON
8 ITEM 50, 51, 53, AND 54, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
9 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 34, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS
10 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
11 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
12 AGENDA. ON ITEMS 57-B AND 57-C, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
13 REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 57-C
14 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT WILL BE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
18 IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, AND I'M NOT
19 SEEING ANY, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ON PAGE 35, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION.
22 ITEM 60 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE
23 TITLE 6 SALARIES BY ADDING A SECTION AND AMENDING SECTIONS FOR
24 CERTAIN NONREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND CLASSIFICATION IN VARIOUS
25 DEPARTMENTS. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SEEING NO OBJECTIONS,
4 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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6 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH THE CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BUON GIORNO. I AM PLEASED TO -- CAN YOU MOVE
10 THIS DOWN JUST A LITTLE BIT? IT'S A LITTLE HIGH FOR ME. THERE
11 YOU GO. PERFECT. LET'S DO THIS AGAIN. BUON GIORNO. I'M PLEASED
12 TO WELCOME SYLVIA CHIAVE, THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF ITALY IN
13 LOS ANGELES. LET'S GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE CONSUL
14 GENERAL OF ITALY. [APPLAUSE] AS CONSUL GENERAL, SHE WILL
15 PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY AND PROMOTE CULTURE,
16 EDUCATIONAL, AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO REGIONS.
17 CONSUL GENERAL CHIAVE HAS A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM MILAN'S
18 LUIGI BOCCONI UNIVERSITY AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
19 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL
20 AND POLITICAL STUDIES IN MILAN. SHE HAS AN EXTENSIVE
21 BACKGROUND AS A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
22 AFFAIRS AND THE ITALIAN EMBASSY. IN HER VARIOUS ROLES, SHE
23 REPRESENTED ITALY ACROSS ASIA, LUXEMBOURG, AND TUNISIA. SHE
24 ALSO SERVED AS DEPUTY OF EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT DEALING WITH
25 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENSE AND, EUROPEAN SECURITY POLICY. YOU

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1 KNOW, HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I HAVE BEEN SO LUCKY TO
2 REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY OF SAN PEDRO FOR AS LONG AS LIKE 1992.
3 AND IN MY DISTRICT, WE HAVE 40,000 PEOPLE OF ITALIAN DESCENT,
4 MOSTLY ISCHITANIS, MAKING IT THE LARGEST ITALIAN COMMUNITY IN
5 THE REGION, IN SAN PEDRO. AND WHEN I WAS IN THE LOS ANGELES
6 CITY COUNCIL, WE MADE ISCHIA A SISTER CITY, WHICH OF COURSE
7 YOU KNOW IS OFF THE COAST OF NAPLES. AND THE PORT OF LOS
8 ANGELES ALSO HAS A FRIENDSHIP PORT AGREEMENT WITH THE PORT
9 NETWORK AUTHORITY OF CENTRAL TYRRHENIAN SEA. AND ALSO WE MADE
10 A FRIENDSHIP CITY WITH KOMIZA ON THE ISLAND OF VIS. SO THANK
11 YOU SO MUCH, CONSUL GENERAL. WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES. THE BOARD
12 WISHES YOU MUCH SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW APPOINTMENT. PLEASE SAY A
13 FEW WORDS.

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15 **SILVIA CHIAVE, CONSUL GENERAL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND
16 THANKS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
17 ANGELES FOR HAVING ME HERE. IT IS REALLY AN HONOR AND A
18 PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT ITALY IN THIS COUNTY AND TO BE ALLOWED
19 TO SAY A FEW WORDS HERE TODAY AND TO MEET YOU HERE. YOU ALL
20 KNOW HOW DEEPLY ROOTED, AS MADAM CHAIR JUST POINTED OUT, THE
21 ITALIAN COMMUNITY IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN THIS COUNTY. AND THE
22 ITALIAN PRESENCE AND THE ITALIAN WAY OF LIFE IS INCREASINGLY
23 APPRECIATED HERE. LOS ANGELES HAS GIVEN A LOT TO ITALIAN
24 PROFESSIONALS AND TALENTS AND TO THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY. AND
25 I'M SURE THAT ITALY HAS TO GIVE, STILL TO GIVE A LOT BACK TO

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1 LOS ANGELES. SO MY MISSION HERE IS TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH
2 ALL, YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT HAS
3 ENORMOUS POTENTIAL AND GREAT ECONOMIC VIRILITY TO SHOWCASE
4 ITALIAN EXCELLENCIES ALSO IN RELATIVELY UNKNOWN SECTORS WHERE
5 WE HAVEN'T AND IN THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTORS OF CALIFORNIAN
6 WAY OF LIFE TO CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES OF COLLABORATION. AS I
7 ALWAYS SAY, MY JOB HERE IS TO PROMOTE ITALY. BUT AS I ALWAYS
8 SAY, THERE IS NO PROMOTION WITHOUT EXCHANGE AND WITHOUT MUTUAL
9 LEARNING. SO THIS IS WHY I HAVE TO STRENGTHEN THESE TIES AND
10 DEVELOP CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS FURTHER
11 AND FURTHER BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
12 AND PROMOTE THIS RECIPROCAL KNOWLEDGE. SO TO ITALY, I WILL
13 NEVER STOP SAYING TO COME AND SEE HOW DYNAMIC THE BUSINESS
14 ENVIRONMENT IN LOS ANGELES IS, NOT ONLY IN THE ENTERTAINMENT
15 INDUSTRY, WIDELY KNOWN, BUT ALSO IN ALL INNOVATIVE SECTORS AS
16 TESTIFIED BY THE INCREASED -- [INAUDIBLE] OF SILICON BEACH AND
17 ALL THESE INCUBATORS AND STARTUPS THAT ARE HERE. AND TO YOU, I
18 NEED TO SAY THAT COME TO ITALY, TO INVITE YOU TO SEE WHAT
19 ITALY HAS TO OFFER, WHICH IS NOT ONLY FOOD, FASHION, AND
20 DESIGN, BUT ALSO BIOTECHNOLOGIES, AEROSPACE, MACHINERY,
21 RENEWABLE ENERGIES, AND A LOT OF THINGS. SO MY OFFICE AND I
22 ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE AGENCY OF THE
23 COUNTIES TO FURTHER DEVELOP ALL THE COLLABORATIONS POSSIBLE.
24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SINCE SUPERVISOR BARGER IS NOT HERE TODAY,
2 WE'RE HAVING A STAND-IN HOLDER OF THE CAT. AND THIS IS ROMEO,
3 ROMEO AND JULIET RIGHT HERE. HE IS A TWO-MONTH-OLD DOMESTIC
4 SHORT AIR AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT OUR DOWNEY SHELTER. AND IF
5 YOU'RE INTERESTED IN TAKING ROMEO HOME WITH YOU OR SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL -- [LAUGHTER.] -- PLEASE CALL 562-728-4610. THAT'S 562-
7 728-4610. ONE OF THESE TWO NEEDS A FOREVER HOME. I'M NOT GOING
8 TO SAY WHICH ONE.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK IT'S THE LITTLE ONE, YEAH. ALL RIGHT,
11 ROMEO.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH, YOU GOT A GOOD HOLD ON ROMEO. OKAY.
14 HERE WE GO.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? HERMAN, YOU CAN HOLD THIS
17 DOG, TOO. THIS IS HERMAN AND TINKER. AND SHE'S A FOUR-MONTH-
18 OLD CHIHUAHUA MIX AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE
19 DOWNEY SHELTER. AND AGAIN THEIR NUMBER IS 562-728-4610. IF YOU
20 WANT TO TAKE EITHER ONE OF THESE HOME, PLEASE CALL THAT
21 NUMBER. AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT OUR COUNTY SHELTERS.
22 THERE ARE SO MANY DOGS AND CATS WHO NEED FOREVER HOMES. SO
23 THANK YOU. TINKER IS JUST A SWEETHEART. AND SO IS HERMAN.
24 THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR? WE HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TODAY
2 ON BEHALF OF OUR L.A. COUNTY NURSES. I BELIEVE DR. FERRER WAS
3 GOING TO JOIN US. I'M NOT SURE IF SHE'S GOING TO MAKE IT. BUT
4 WE HAVE WITH US CAM NGUYEN, EVELYN GONZALEZ, AND CRYSTAL
5 CADAVID WHO ARE JOINING ME HERE TODAY. AND IT GIVES ME A GREAT
6 DEAL OF PLEASURE TO BE JOINED BY THESE THREE PUBLIC HEALTH
7 NURSES. JUST BY WAY OF INFORMATION, ON DECEMBER THE 20TH, I
8 HOSTED A LUNCHEON AT THE WHITTIER NARROWS MOBILE SHOWER
9 PROGRAM OUT IN OUR PARK FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING
10 HOMELESSNESS. THIS WAS A RATHER LARGE EVENT. WE HAD WELL OVER
11 250 INDIVIDUALS WHO CAME BY. AND IT WASN'T JUST A LUNCHEON,
12 BUT IT WAS A WAY TO GET SERVICES AND ACTUALLY GET PEOPLE INTO
13 SHOWERING AND GETTING CLOTHING AND ALL KINDS OF GOOD THINGS
14 THAT WE KNOW WERE AVAILABLE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, DURING THE
15 PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCED A MEDICAL EMERGENCY WHERE
16 THEY COLLAPSED AND SUFFERED A SEIZURE. THE THREE PUBLIC HEALTH
17 NURSES HERE WERE ON SITE PROVIDING FLU VACCINATIONS AND
18 IMMEDIATELY SPRANG INTO ACTION. AND THEY BEGAN TAKING THE
19 WOMAN'S VITALS, CONTINUING TO MONITOR DURING THE DURATION AND
20 FREQUENCY OF HER SEIZURES. THE NURSES STAYED WITH THE
21 INDIVIDUAL UNTIL THE E.M.S. ARRIVED AND CONTINUED TO ASSIST
22 UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL WAS TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL.
23 AFTER THE INCIDENT, THEY RETURNED TO THEIR BOOTH AND CONTINUED
24 TO ADMINISTER FLU SHOTS. THEY KEPT DOING THEIR JOB, WHICH IS
25 WONDERFUL. [APPLAUSE] IT'S JUST ANOTHER DAY FOR THEM. PLEASE

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1 HELP ME THANK ALL OF THEM. AND I AM SO DELIGHTED THAT DR.
2 FERRER IS HERE, THE DIRECTOR OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
3 HEALTH, TO JOIN US AND TO SAY A FEW WORDS. THANK YOU, DR.
4 FERRER.

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6 **DR. BARBARA FERRAR:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS. I'M SO HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY
8 AND SO PROUD OF THESE THREE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AND SO
9 GRATEFUL THAT YOU'RE TAKING TIME TO RECOGNIZE THEM. THEY'RE
10 EXTRAORDINARY. AND THEY'RE JOINED BY OTHERS IN SERVICE OF OUR
11 COMMUNITIES WHO ALSO EVERY DAY REALLY GIVE THEIR HEARTS AND
12 SOULS TO THIS WORK. I ALSO WANT TO REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR
13 ABILITY TO BE SO PREPARED THAT NOT ONLY WERE THEY THERE SORT
14 OF DOING A TASK, A FAIRLY ROUTINE TASK, BUT THEY ACTUALLY,
15 WHEN THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY, THEY WERE THE EMERGENCY
16 RESPONDERS. AND THEY QUICKLY SPRANG INTO ACTION. AND, REALLY,
17 THEY SAVED A PERSON'S LIFE. SO THEIR QUICK THINKING AND THEIR
18 CREATIVITY AND THEIR SKILL MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. BUT I WANT
19 TO TAKE A MINUTE TO JUST GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION
20 ABOUT EACH ONE OF THESE EXEMPLAR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVANTS.
21 FIRST, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT CAM NGUYEN. SHE'S A DISTRICT
22 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE, AND SHE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
23 HEALTH IN 2005 AS A CLINIC NURSE AT THE MONROVIA HEALTH
24 CENTER. SHE JOINED COMMUNITY AND FIELD SERVICES IN JANUARY
25 2015. AND IN 2017, SHE WAS NOMINATED AND HONORED AS A RUNNER-

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1 UP FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AT ONE OF OUR AWARD
2 CEREMONIES. EVELYN GONZALEZ IS OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON PUBLIC
3 HEALTH NURSE. AND SHE CELEBRATED 20 YEARS -- 20 YEARS, THESE
4 ARE HARD JOBS, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN
5 JANUARY. [APPLAUSE] SHE WORKED AS A DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH
6 NURSE AT POMONA HEALTH CENTER. AND OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR, SHE
7 JOINED THE COMMUNITY LIAISON TEAM. STILL WORKING IN POMONA,
8 SHE'S INVOLVED IN SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING WORK
9 AND SEVERAL OTHER LOCAL HEALTH INITIATIVES IN THE POMONA
10 COMMUNITY. CRYSTAL CADAVID IS ALSO A COMMUNITY LIAISON PUBLIC
11 HEALTH NURSE WHO JOINED THE COUNTY FOUR YEARS AGO. CRYSTAL HAS
12 BEEN SERVING AS AN INSTRUMENTAL LIAISON BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT
13 AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SHE HELPED PLAN
14 AND IMPLEMENT THE LAST SCHOOL HEALTH SUMMIT AND SCHOOL NURSE
15 SYMPOSIUM, BOTH OF WHICH SUCCESSFULLY BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH
16 SCHOOL NURSES, ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS
17 TO HELP ALIGN OUR HEALTH GOALS WITH THOSE OF THE SCHOOLS. I
18 WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR QUICK ACTION, YOUR ABILITY
19 TO REMAIN CALM IN THE MIDST OF A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY,
20 AND FOR PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN
21 DISTRESS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THOUGH, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
22 THAT, AS NURSES, YOU ARE FIERCE ADVOCATES FOR YOUR PATIENTS.
23 AND YOU SAW THIS INDIVIDUAL NO DIFFERENTLY. YOUR ACTIONS
24 UPHELD THE VALUES OF THE NURSING PROFESSION, WORKING WITH
25 SKILL, COMPASSION, AND GRACE AND DONE HUMBL Y. THANK YOU TO THE

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1 SUPERVISORS, AGAIN, FOR RECOGNIZING THESE EFFORTS AND THESE
2 OUTSTANDING WOMEN. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? I LOVE IT THAT
5 HE'S HONORING THE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. IT'S PERFECT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. AND WE TAKE
8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR A VERY SPECIAL WOMAN. WHY DON'T YOU
9 GIVE YOUR ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO MS. JO ANN BOYCE. BIG ROUND OF
10 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] A HISTORY MAKER IN HER OWN RIGHT. MANY OF
11 YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE STORY OF THE LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH
12 SCHOOL IN LITTLE ROCK THAT HAS BEEN WIDELY CELEBRATED AS THE
13 FIRST SCHOOL TO BE INTEGRATED IN THE SOUTH. BUT WE'RE HERE TO
14 HELP SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT TODAY AND LET YOU KNOW THAT IT
15 WAS ACTUALLY CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATED IN CLINTON,
16 TENNESSEE, THAT WAS INTEGRATED ONE YEAR EARLIER. THAT WAS IN
17 1956. AND OUR HONORED GUEST HERE TODAY WAS ONE OF THOSE
18 CHILDREN TO INTEGRATE THAT SCHOOL, CLINTON, TENNESSEE. IT
19 HAPPENS TO BE THE HOME OF THE HALEY FARM, ALEX HALEY, TO BE
20 SPECIFIC, 150 PLUS ACRES, NOW THE HOME OF THE CHILDREN'S
21 DEFENSE FUND. AND SO THE HISTORY OF CLINTON LIVES ON. AND SO
22 MS. BOYCE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CLINTON 12, THE FIRST GROUP OF
23 AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS TO INTEGRATE A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN
24 THE SOUTH. AND SHE WAS BORN IN CLINTON. AND THAT WAS CLEARLY
25 DURING THE JIM CROW ERA. HER EARLY EDUCATIONAL YEARS WERE

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1 SPENT IN A TWO-ROOM SCHOOL. AND AFTER THE EIGHTH GRADE,
2 DESPITE THERE BEING A SUITABLE HIGH SCHOOL IN HER TOWN, SHE
3 AND OTHERS FROM HER COMMUNITY WERE BUSSED LITERALLY 20 MILES
4 EACH WAY TO AN ALL-SEGREGATED MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL. AND IT
5 WAS IN THE EARLY 1950S THAT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN
6 CLINTON, FED UP WITH SEPARATE BUT EQUAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES,
7 FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF
8 EDUCATION, WHICH WAS DENIED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
9 HOWEVER, A FEW YEARS LATER, THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT
10 HEARD ARGUMENTS IN THE LANDMARK CASE OF BROWN VERSUS THE BOARD
11 OF EDUCATION, WHICH STRUCK DOWN SEGREGATION AS BEING
12 UNCONSTITUTIONAL. AND SO HERE IT IS TODAY, A HISTORY MAKER
13 STANDS BEFORE US. HER STORY IS POWERFUL AS IT IS HUMBLE. THEY
14 STOOD AGAINST HOSTILE CROWDS OF PROTESTERS WHO WERE SEEKING
15 TO DENY THEM THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. IT ALMOST SOUNDED A
16 LITTLE BIT LIKE CHARLOTTESVILLE, BUT I'M GOING TO STAY WITH
17 WHAT HAPPENED THEN AND LEAVE CURRENT EVENTS TO THEMSELVES. BUT
18 MS. BOYCE AND HER FRIENDS BEGAN TO ENDURE IN SPITE OF ALL
19 THAT. AND HER STORY IS ONE OF INSPIRATION, SO MUCH INSPIRATION
20 THAT SHE POWERED HER WAY FORWARD. AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
21 HER FOR ALL THAT SHE HAS DONE. SHE EARNED AN ASSOCIATE'S
22 DEGREE IN NURSING AND BECAME A PEDIATRIC REGISTERED NURSE. SHE
23 WORKED FOR A PRIVATE PEDIATRICIAN BEFORE SPENDING 30 YEARS
24 WORKING AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND
25 THEN AFTER RETIRING, SHE'S BEEN BUSY WITH APPEARANCES AND

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1 INTERVIEWS ON HER EXPERIENCE AS A PART OF THE CLINTON 12. AND
2 ON JANUARY THE 8 OF THIS YEAR, SHE ADDED AUTHOR TO HER
3 CREDENTIALS WHEN SHE CO-AUTHORED A BOOK WITH A RENOWNED
4 CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR, DEBBIE LEVY, ENTITLED "THE PROMISE OF
5 CHANGE: ONE GIRL'S STORY IN THE FIGHT FOR SCHOOL EQUALITY".
6 AND SO WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE HER FOR HER COURAGE, HER
7 ENDURANCE, HER CAPACITY TO KEEP ON KEEPING ON, AND TO INSPIRE
8 FUTURE GENERATIONS. LET'S SHOW YOU A LITTLE CLIP OF HER STORY
9 AND HER LIFE. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **CAMERON BOYCE:** RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY OF THE CLINTON 12. THE
12 CLINTON 12 WAS THE FIRST GROUP OF BLACK STUDENTS TO BE
13 INTEGRATED INTO AN ALL-WHITE HIGH SCHOOL IN CLINTON,
14 TENNESSEE. AND MY NANA IS ONE OF THE CLINTON 12.

15

16 **JO ANN BOYCE:** WE WEREN'T HAND CHOSEN. WE WERE JUST THE 12 THAT
17 WERE READY TO MOVE ON. MOSTLY, IT HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN
18 HISTORY. AND I LIKE TO CALL IT OUR AMERICAN HISTORY. IT IS
19 PART OF SOMETHING THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE TO CORRECT SOME
20 INJUSTICE. AND THE INJUSTICE IS WE'RE LIVING IN A TOWN WITH A
21 HIGH SCHOOL.

22

23 **CAMERON BOYCE:** RIGHT DOWN THE HILL. THAT'S ONE THING THAT MY
24 NANA WAS REALLY ADAMANT ABOUT WAS SHE WAS SAYING THAT SHE HAD

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1 TO RIDE 20 MILES INTO KNOXVILLE FROM CLINTON, TENNESSEE TO GO
2 TO SCHOOL.

3

4 **JO ANN BOYCE:** WE DESERVED TO GO TO THAT SCHOOL BECAUSE IT WAS
5 OUR SCHOOL AS WELL AS THE KIDS WHO WERE WHITE.

6

7 **CAMERON BOYCE:** IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW FOR THEM TO GO TO THIS
8 HIGH SCHOOL UNTIL IT WAS INTEGRATED.

9

10 **JO ANN BOYCE:** WHEN THE JUDGE SAID YOU CAN NOW INTEGRATE
11 CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL, THE 12 OF US WHO LIVED HERE IN CLINTON
12 SAID YES, WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS.

13

14 **CAMERON BOYCE:** THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GOING INTO. AND
15 THEN THEY WALK DOWN THE HILL, AND THERE ARE JUST PEOPLE LINING
16 THE STREETS THROWING THINGS, SAYING THINGS, TRYING TO BREAK
17 THEIR SPIRIT.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I ALMOST CRIED TO GO BACK HOME BECAUSE THERE WERE SO
20 MANY PEOPLE. AND THEY LOOKED SO MEAN. AND THEY LOOKED LIKE
21 THEY JUST WANTED TO GRAB US AND THROW US OUT. THEY DIDN'T WANT
22 US AT ALL. I COULD JUST SEE THE HATE IN THEIR HEART.

23

24 **JO ANN BOYCE:** NO, WE WEREN'T GOING TO BE INTIMIDATED BY
25 WALKING DOWN TO THIS SCHOOL, EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE DAYS WHEN

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1 WE WERE VERY FEARFUL, WE CONTINUED TO WALK. I'M GLAD THAT MY
2 FAMILY CAN LOOK AT ME AND FEEL LIKE I WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE DOING
3 SOMETHING THAT WAS REALLY WORTHWHILE. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT.
6 GIVE HER ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] SO SHE'S BEEN
7 JOINED BY HER DAUGHTER, CAMLAN, AND HER SON, VICTOR, AND HIS
8 WIFE, ELIZABETH. AND THESE ARE THE BOYCES. AND YOU RECOGNIZE
9 ELIZABETH AS A PART OF D.H.S.'S HOUSING FOR HEALTH WORKING ON
10 HOMELESS ISSUES, SO CONTINUING A TRADITION OF ACTIVISM IN
11 ANOTHER VENUE. BUT WE ARE HERE TODAY TO SAY THANK YOU TO THIS
12 FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR THIS INSPIRING, HISTORICAL FIGURE. IT
13 CAUSES US TO BE REMINDED OF THE FACT THAT WOMEN LEAD IN A
14 SIGNIFICANT WAY EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND THIS WAS JUST AN
15 ORDINARY YOUNG PERSON, A GIRL, THAT HAS DONE EXTRAORDINARY
16 THINGS TO ANIMATE THE POTENTIAL FOR JUSTICE FOR ALL, NOT ONLY
17 ALONG RACIAL LINES, BUT CLEARLY IN THE AREA OF GENDER, AS
18 WELL. AND SO WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HER. AND WE WILL NOW HEAR A
19 FEW WORDS FROM MS. BOYCE. MS. BOYCE? [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **JO ANN BOYCE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING. I
22 AM SO HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY TO HEAR MY STORY BEING TOLD
23 FROM THE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY- THOMAS. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE
24 THAT, HIS WORDS REALLY TOUCHED HOME WITH ME. I HAVE SPENT THE
25 LAST THREE DECADES TRYING TO EDUCATE OTHERS, IN PARTICULAR

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1 CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS, ABOUT THE CLINTON 12. I WAS A 14-YEAR-OLD
2 WHEN THIS ALL STARTED. AND I DID NOT KNOW, NOR DID MY FRIENDS
3 KNOW, EXACTLY WHAT WE WERE HEADING INTO WHEN WE DECIDED THAT
4 WE SHOULD DESEGREGATE THE CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL. OUR LITTLE TOWN
5 HAD BEEN QUIET AND HAD BEEN FAIRLY TOLERANT OF AFRICAN-
6 AMERICANS UP TO THEN. WE DID LIVE THROUGH JIM CROW. WE DID
7 KNOW OUR PLACE. WE USUALLY TRIED TO STAY IN OUR PLACE. WE
8 TRIED NOT TO BREAK THE LAWS. BUT HAVING TO GET UP AT 6 O'CLOCK
9 IN THE MORNING TO TRAVEL 20 MILES TO GO TO SCHOOL, SOMETIMES
10 NOT MAKING IT BECAUSE OF WEATHER, SOMETIMES BEING IN A VERY
11 DANGEROUS SITUATION BECAUSE IT SNOWED AND THE BUS WOULD SLIDE
12 OFF THE ROAD. SO WE FELT IT WAS VERY WRONG FOR US TO HAVE TO
13 PASS A HIGH SCHOOL TO GET ON A BUS TO GO TO ANOTHER HIGH
14 SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF TOWN. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT OUR PARENTS HAD TO
15 PAY FOR IT. OUR PARENTS HAD TO PAY TAXES IN OUR OWN TOWN, AND
16 THEN WE HAD TO PAY THE OTHER COUNTY TO GO TO THEIR SCHOOL. SO
17 WE THOUGHT IT WAS TERRIBLY UNFAIR. AND A FAMILY WHO HAD 12
18 CHILDREN, AND ALL OF THEM WERE GETTING READY TO GO TO HIGH
19 SCHOOL AT SOME POINT, FELT LIKE THEY COULD NOT CONTINUE TO PAY
20 FOR THAT. SO THEY FILED THE LAWSUIT. KICKED OUT, BUT FINALLY
21 WON. AND SO WE STEPPED UP, THE 12 OF US. WE WALKED DOWN THE
22 HILL FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE WHITE HIGH SCHOOL. AND OF
23 COURSE OVER TIME, WE FACED DISGUSTING CROWDS OF PEOPLE YELLING
24 AWFUL THINGS AT US, THROWING THINGS AT US. EVENTUALLY IT GOT
25 SO BAD THE GOVERNOR HAD TO CALL IN THE NATIONAL GUARD. OUR

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1 NATIONAL GUARD, HOWEVER, CAME IN TO TAKE CARE OF US AND THE
2 TOWN AS OPPOSED TO, IN LITTLE ROCK, WHERE THE GOVERNOR STOOD
3 IN THE DOORWAY TO KEEP THE BLACK KIDS OUT. SO YOU WOULD SAY
4 THAT THE DIFFERENCE WAS A LITTLE MORE TOLERANCE IN CLINTON,
5 TENNESSEE. SO I AM HAPPY TO ACCEPT THIS HONOR TODAY, AND I
6 ACCEPT IT FOR ME, AND I ACCEPT IT FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
7 CLINTON 12. WE ARE ALL GRATEFUL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8 [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THAT INSPIRING
11 STORY THAT WE ALL NEED TO HEAR. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR
12 PRESENTATIONS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY OUR CODE
13 OF CONDUCT.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
16 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCEMENT. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL
18 NOW BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE
19 THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
20 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
21 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
22 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
23 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
24 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
25 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE

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1 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
2 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
3 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
4 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
5 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
6 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
7 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
8 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
9 STATEMENTS TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR
10 ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL
11 OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS
12 AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE
13 ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT
14 THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
15 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
16 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
17 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
18 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
19 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. HERE IS THE PLAN FOR TODAY.
22 HOPEFULLY, I CAN GET THIS FROG OUT OF MY THROAT BEFORE THE-- I
23 DON'T WHY. IT'S TERRIBLE. HERE'S THE PLAN. WE'RE GOING TO
24 BEGIN WITH ITEMS 3 AND 48, WHICH ARE RELATED THEN FOLLOWED BY
25 ITEM 4. AND THEN AROUND 11 A.M., WE WILL TAKE UP THE SET

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1 MATTER S-1, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH 1-P. AND THEN AFTER S-
2 1, WE WILL TAKE UP ITEM 17. DID EVERYBODY GET THAT? OKAY. SO
3 NOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP ITEM 3. THAT'S BEEN HELD BY ME,
4 COLLEAGUES. SO I JUST WANTED TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK A LITTLE
5 BIT. IN 2018, WIRELESS INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCED THE ROLLOUT OF 5G
6 SERVICE, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE 100 TIMES FASTER THAN THE
7 CURRENT SPEEDS THAT MANY OF US ARE ON. AND IN ORDER FOR THE
8 WIRELESS INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE THIS NEW SERVICE, COMPANIES ARE
9 INSTALLING NEW CELL TOWERS AT A VERY RAPID PACE. OUR
10 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS REPORTED A 300 PERCENT
11 INCREASE FROM 2015 TO 2017 IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS
12 RECEIVED FOR NEW CELL TOWERS. OVER THE LAST YEAR, RESIDENTS
13 FROM UNINCORPORATED AREAS HAVE RAISED NUMEROUS CONCERNS ABOUT
14 TOWERS COMING INTO THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS AND IMPACTING THEIR
15 QUALITY OF LIFE. AND MANY PEOPLE WOULD ARGUE THAT, IN FACT,
16 IMPACTS THEIR HEALTH. THEY'RE CONCERNED THAT THERE ARE NO
17 RULES AND NO ORDINANCES IN PLACE TO PROTECT THEM FROM AN
18 OVERCONCENTRATION OF THESE CELL TOWERS, AND THEY HAVE LITTLE
19 CONTROL OVER WHERE THESE TOWERS ARE PLACED. AND WHILE WE
20 CANNOT REGULATE THESE WIRELESS FACILITIES BASED ON HEALTH
21 CONCERNS, WE DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS
22 REGARDING LOCATION, HEIGHT, AND DESIGN. AND WITH THIS MOTION,
23 WE'RE ASKING OUR DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO PREPARE AN
24 ORDINANCE TO REGULATE, INCLUDING LOCATION, HEIGHT, AND DESIGN
25 OF A CELL TOWER. IN ADDITION, WE'RE HIRING A CONSULTANT. AND

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1 WE'LL GATHER AS MUCH INPUT AS WE CAN FROM THE COMMUNITY AS WE
2 MOVE FORWARD WITH DRAFTING THIS ORDINANCE. AND WE DO HAVE
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE COME DOWN HERE TODAY. AND
4 WE'RE ALSO -- WE HAVE OUR DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, AMY
5 BODEK. AND, AMY, I JUST WANTED TO START OUT BECAUSE A LOT OF
6 PEOPLE REALLY DO FEEL LIKE THERE IS A DIRECT CORRELATION
7 BETWEEN SOME HEALTH CHALLENGES AND THESE CELL TOWERS. WHY
8 CAN'T WE USE THAT, HEALTH, AS A CRITERIA FOR WHERE WE SITE
9 THESE CELL TOWERS?

10

11 **AMY BODEK:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
12 FIRST OF ALL, LET ME SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS
13 ORDINANCE. IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT WE HAVE THE
14 AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THIS INDUSTRY. WE CURRENTLY REGULATE
15 THIS BECAUSE WE CONSIDER WIRELESS FACILITIES TO BE IN THE SAME
16 CATEGORY AS RADIO TOWERS AND TRANSMISSION TOWERS. BUT THEY ARE
17 CERTAINLY DIFFERENT. AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE PUTTING THIS
18 ITEM ON FOR US TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A LOCAL ORDINANCE IS
19 ACTUALLY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO HELP US CONTROL THE
20 PROLIFERATION OF THESE TYPES OF FACILITIES. AS IT RELATES TO
21 HEALTH IMPACTS, UNFORTUNATELY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A
22 PRE-EMPTION. AND THAT IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED PRE-EMPTION
23 THROUGH MANY SETTLED LEGAL CASES. AND THE F.C.C. HAS MADE IT
24 INCREDIBLY CLEAR TO ALL LOCAL JURISDICTIONS THAT WE DO NOT
25 HAVE THE ABILITY TO REGULATE BASED ON REAL OR PERCEIVED HEALTH

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1 IMPACTS. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED, AND THIS COUNTY HAS ATTEMPTED, TO
2 PROTEST LEGISLATION THAT WOULD EASE THOSE RESTRICTIONS AT THE
3 FEDERAL LEVEL, BUT WE ARE COMPLETELY EXEMPTED BY THE FEDERAL
4 GOVERNMENT FROM DOING SO.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BECAUSE I KNOW THAT'S A HUGE
7 CONCERN TO A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND PEOPLE ARE VERY FRUSTRATED AND
8 DISAPPOINTED THAT THAT -- THAT WE CAN'T REGULATE IT BASED ON
9 THAT.

10

11 **AMY BODEK:** WE SHARE THAT FRUSTRATION, AS WELL.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. ARE THERE MEMBERS OF THE
14 PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM?

15

16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
17 PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? MICHELLE NICOLAUS,
18 DR. WEI CHING LEE--

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY. I JUST WANTED TO ASK OUR
21 DIRECTOR REGARDING THIS ISSUE, IT IS ONE THAT I AGREE WITH
22 THAT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE I
23 REPRESENT IN THE FIRST DISTRICT A LARGE NUMBER OF
24 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. BUT I WONDER ALSO WILL THIS MOTION
25 ENCOMPASS HOW -- NOT JUST WHERE THESE ARE PLACED, BUT MORE

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1 IMPORTANTLY HOW THEY ARE DESIGNED AND IF THERE WILL BE
2 MATERIALS TO -- AND I KNOW THEY DO THIS IN OTHER CASES WHERE
3 THEY ACTUALLY CAMOUFLAGE. THEY MAKE IT LOOK LIKE IT'S A TREE
4 OR A PINE. AND I TEND TO SEE IN DISTRICTS THAT ARE POORER
5 WHERE THE QUALITY IS NOT THERE. AND SO I WANT TO INSIST THAT
6 THERE BE FAIRNESS. AND WHEN WE LOOK AT PLACING THESE TOWERS IN
7 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SURROUNDED BY ESPECIALLY HOUSEHOLDS
8 BECAUSE I CAN TELL YOU NOW I'VE SEEN A NUMBER THAT LOOK VERY
9 INTRUSIVE. AND THEY STAND OUT. AND I THINK WE NEED TO SEE SOME
10 EQUITY.

11

12 **AMY BODEK:** RIGHT. AND BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD THE ABILITY TO
13 CONTROL IT ON A CONSISTENT BASIS, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT'S
14 HAPPENING. THERE ARE SOME, I WOULD SAY, EGREGIOUS EXAMPLES ON
15 FIRST AND THIRD STREET IN PARTICULAR IN YOUR DISTRICT THAT HAD
16 WE HAD CONTROLS, I THINK WE COULD HAVE ACTUALLY FIT THEM IN A
17 LITTLE BIT BETTER AND MADE THEM LESS INTRUSIVE FOR THE
18 COMMUNITY. BUT IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE THE
19 ABILITY TO PROVIDE THOSE REGULATIONS.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER, DID YOU WANT TO CALL THE GUEST SPEAKERS?

25

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
2 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, MICHELLE NICOLAUS, DR. WEI
3 CHING LEE, GENA OOI, LUCY PEDREGON. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
4 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME. WHOEVER'S READY, GO AHEAD.

7

8 **MICHELLE NICOLAUS:** MY NAME IS MICHELLE NICOLAUS. IN THE EARLY
9 SUMMER OF 2015, I FOUND A CARD, A SMALL YELLOW CARD, IN MY
10 JUNK MAIL. AFTER MUCH RESEARCH, I DECIDED TO FIGHT THAT CELL
11 TOWER. AND MY NEIGHBORS AND I EVENTUALLY LOST. THIS TOWER WAS
12 WITHIN 100 FEET OF MY NEIGHBOR'S BACKYARD. WHEN I CHECKED
13 LAST, WE HAVE MORE THAN 30 DIFFERENT WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
14 FACILITIES IN OUR 10.2 SQUARE MILES OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. FROM
15 2017 TO 2018, THERE WERE AT LEAST 45 APPLICATIONS FOR WIRELESS
16 COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. IN 2015, I DID
17 EVENTUALLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH VERIZON'S LAND
18 ACQUISITION COMPANY, AND THEY WERE VERY UNWILLING TO CONSIDER
19 OUR REQUESTS. HE SAID, AND I QUOTE, "THIS ISN'T MY FIRST
20 RODEO. AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT REGIONAL PLANNING WILL APPROVE
21 OUR APPLICATION AS WE HAVE IT WRITTEN." I KNEW THEN THAT THIS
22 WAS A DAVID AND GOLIATH STORY. SO NOW, ALMOST FOUR YEARS
23 LATER, WE HAVE SOME LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL WITH THE
24 PROPOSED ORDINANCE THANKS TO SUPERVISOR HAHN. WE URGE YOU TO
25 APPROVE THIS MOTION TO HELP CONTROL THE ONSLAUGHT OF CELL

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1 TOWERS. WE ALSO RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
2 CITYSCAPE TO AUTHOR THE ORDINANCE AS THEY HAVE A CONFLICT OF
3 INTEREST. WE ALSO URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THE TYPE OF MESSAGING
4 GOING OUT BE LARGER, IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, AND MORE TIME BE
5 PROVIDED BEFORE A HEARING DATE IS GIVEN. WE REQUEST OBJECTIVE
6 PERSONNEL WHO UNDERSTAND THAT SCIENTIFIC REPORTS BE INCLUDED
7 IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. WE URGE THAT ENFORCEMENT BE
8 WRITTEN TO ENSURE HEIGHT LIMITS, DESIGN OF THE TOWER, AND
9 SHRUBBING BE CONSISTENT -- THAT IS TRULY CONSISTENT WITH THE
10 LOCATION. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, I STRESS, AS A MOTHER OF FOUR,
11 THAT THESE TOWERS NOT -- BE AWAY FROM SCHOOLS AND AWAY FROM
12 RESIDENCES. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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16 **DR. WEI CHING LEE:** HI, MY NAME IS DR. WEI CHING LEE. I'M A
17 PHYSICIAN, AND I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR JANICE
18 HAHN FOR ALL THAT SHE'S DONE. SO I KNOW SHE CREATED THE
19 ORDINANCE IN L.A. COUNTY SCHOOLS, L.A. U.S.C. TO PREVENT CELL
20 TOWERS FROM BEING PLACED IN L.A. U.S.C. I REALLY WANT TO
21 STRESS THAT THE CITYSCAPE CONSULTANTS HAVE A CONFLICT OF
22 INTEREST AND SHOULD BE NOT ALLOWED TO WRITE THE ORDINANCE. THE
23 CITYSCAPE DIRECTOR, ANTHONY LEPORE, ACTUALLY IS OWNER OF
24 WIRELESS INDUSTRY'S TOWER AMERICA, HEADQUARTERED IN FLORIDA. I
25 HAVE ALL THE EXHIBITS HERE, IF YOU LIKE.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHY DON'T YOU TURN THEM IN, AND
3 WE WILL ALL LOOK AT THEM.

4

5 **DR. WEI CHING LEE:** YES. AND ALSO HE IS THE OWNER OF A CELL
6 TOWER IN HOUSTON. THE PRESIDENT OF THAT CITYSCAPE, RICK
7 EDWARDS, WAS EX-PRESIDENT OF POWERCOM. AND HE OVERSAW THE
8 STARTUP OF THIS COMPANY WHERE THEIR SINGLE MISSION IS TO OWN
9 STRONG AND WELL-POSITIONED TOWER ASSETS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO USE
10 INDEPENDENT FIRMS MAYBE LIKE B.B.K. WITH INPUT OF INDEPENDENT
11 SCIENTISTS AND THE COMMUNITY. REMEMBER THE MALIBU FIRE OF
12 2007? THAT WAS CAUSED BY THREE CELL TOWERS DUE TO THE CELL
13 INDUSTRY NOT CALCULATING WIND AND WEIGHT LOADS ON AGING POLES.
14 THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION APPROVED A 12
15 MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENT INVOLVING VERIZON FOR A TOTAL OF 60
16 MILLION DOLLARS. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER OUR BODIES RUN ON
17 ELECTRIC CURRENTS. OUR BRAINS, OUR NERVES, WE'RE MADE OF ION
18 CHANNELS, CALCIUM, POTASSIUM, SODIUM, OUR MUSCLES. THEY ALL
19 RUN ON ION CHANNELS. AND WE'RE ELECTRIC BEINGS, BASICALLY. AND
20 THESE ELECTRIC FIELDS, ESPECIALLY THESE NEW 5 G HIGH FREQUENCY
21 PULSATING ELECTRIC FIELDS, THEY WILL AFFECT OUR HEALTH. IT'S
22 ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, DECADES. AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
23 OF PEDIATRIC WARNS CELL RADIATION ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH, AS
24 WELL.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND BEFORE THE
2 NEXT SPEAKER, WE NEED TO CALL UP SOME MORE NAMES.

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WOULD ALEXANDRA MIRZAKHANIAN, BRENDA
5 RENSCHLER, DICK HOGUE, DONNA LIBRA, ERIC PREVEN, ROLA M. TED
6 BAUMGART, VALERIE TUNA. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
7 ASSIST YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HI, LUCY. EITHER ONE.

10

11 **GENA OOI:** MY NAME IS GENA OOI. I'M REPRESENTING HSI LAI TEMPLE
12 IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AND WE WANT TO REALLY APPRECIATE AND
13 THANK YOU FOR THE SUPERVISORS TAKING AN EXTRA STEP TO DO THIS
14 AND FOR THE CARING AND ALSO CARE ABOUT THE RESIDENTS, THE
15 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND TO DO THAT. AND THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO
16 SHOW THE SUPERVISORS WE ALWAYS, LIKE BEFORE, WE ALWAYS SUPPORT
17 YOU AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, LUCY.

20

21 **LUCY PEDREGON:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LUCY PEDREGON. ONCE
22 AGAIN, OUR HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY IS IN THREAT OF
23 INSTALLING WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, ALSO REFERRED TO
24 AS CELL TOWERS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THESE CELL TOWERS
25 RELEASE A FREQUENCY THAT IMPACTS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AND THE

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1 QUALITY OF LIFE TO RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN. OTHER
2 THREATS ARE THE EXPOSURE OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION TO
3 HUMANS CAUSING VARIOUS FORMS OF LUNG, BREAST, COLON CANCER AND
4 LEUKEMIA. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR HAHN'S PROPOSAL TO
5 ESTABLISH AN ORDINANCE WITH GUIDELINES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
6 CELL TOWERS WITH INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND FROM INDEPENDENT
7 SCIENTISTS. ALSO INCLUDE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY AS PART
8 OF THE ORDINANCE. HACIENDA HEIGHTS WILL NOT BECOME AN EASY
9 TARGET FOR LARGE BUSINESS DEVELOPERS. I THANK THE SUPERVISOR
10 HAHN FOR HER GUIDANCE REGARDING THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **DONNA LIBRA:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DONNA LIBRA. I'M A
15 RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM STRONGLY IN
16 FAVOR OF A NEW LA. COUNTY ORDINANCE DEFINING STANDARDS FOR
17 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES. I ASK THIS ORDINANCE IS
18 WRITTEN WITH INPUT FROM THE RESIDENTS, INDEPENDENT
19 ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, AND INPUT FROM SCIENTISTS WHICH ARE
20 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE HEALTH IMPACTS FROM WIRELESS
21 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. I ASK WE DO NOT USE ANY CONSULTANTS OR
22 FIRMS THAT ARE DIRECTLY WORKING WITH WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS
23 COMPANIES SUCH AS CITYSCAPE. WE ASK FOR A COMPLETE AND HONEST
24 STUDY, FREE OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THE FUTURE IMPACT OF
25 THIS ORDINANCE WILL DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE LIVES OF OUR

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1 COMMUNITY FOR GENERATIONS. WE LIVE IN A HIGH FIRE AND WIND
2 AREA. THIS WILL CAUSE A REALLY BIG PROBLEM IN OUR AREA. I'M
3 VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO HIRING CITYSCAPE AS A CONSULTANT.
4 CITYSCAPE IS A VERY WIRELESS INDUSTRY HEAVY CONSULTING FIRM.
5 AND I ASK THAT THEY NOT BE ALLOWED TO WRITE THE ORDINANCE DUE
6 TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THIS CONTRACT SHOULD GO TO BID AS
7 AN R.F.P. GIVING FIRMS WITH NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST AN
8 OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON THE CONTRACT. I HUMBL Y ASK YOU TO PLEASE
9 NOT PUT THESE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **BRENDA RENSCHLER:** YEAH, MY NAME IS BRENDA RENSCHLER. I
14 DEVELOPED MICROWAVE SICKNESS TWO YEARS AGO AND BECAME
15 SENSITIVE TO ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS, WHICH I NOW UNDERSTAND TO
16 BE NEUROLOGICAL EFFECTS FROM NON-THERMAL EXPOSURE TO RADIO
17 FREQUENCY RADIATION FROM CELLPHONE TOWERS. WEBSTER'S
18 DICTIONARY DESCRIBES MICROWAVE SICKNESS AS A CONDITION OF
19 IMPAIRED HEALTH THAT IS CHARACTERIZED BY HEADACHES, ANXIETY,
20 SLEEP DISTURBANCES, FATIGUE, AND DIFFICULTY IN CONCENTRATING
21 AND BY CHANGES IN THE CARDIOVASCULAR AND CENTRAL NERVOUS
22 SYSTEM THAT IS HELD TO BE CAUSED BY PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO
23 MICROWAVE RADIATION. I BEGAN EXPERIENCING ALL OF THESE
24 NEUROLOGICAL SYMPTOMS DUE TO PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO LOW LEVELS
25 OF RADIO FREQUENCY RADIATION. I KNOW THAT RADIATION EXPOSURE

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1 IS CUMULATIVE, AND INCREASED PROLIFERATION OF CELLPHONE TOWERS
2 IN HIGH DENSITY COMMUNITIES WILL BRING GREATER NUMBERS OF
3 PEOPLE TO DISEASE MORE QUICKLY. RADIATION FROM CELLPHONE
4 TOWERS UNWITTINGLY EXPOSE SUBJECTS TO A CANCER CAUSING AGENT
5 AGAINST THEIR WILL, MUCH AS SECONDHAND CIGARETTE SMOKE DOES.
6 I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I SUPPORT A MOTION TO ESTABLISH A
7 POLICY FOR PLACEMENT OF CELL TOWERS IN L.A. COUNTY.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **ALEXANDRA MIRZAKHANIAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA
12 MIRZAKHANIAN. I'M A LOCAL LA CRESCENTA RESIDENT AND A LEGAL
13 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICING OUT OF THE AREA. AND THE REASON I'M
14 HERE TODAY IS BECAUSE I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO HELP US AND
15 ORGANIZE AND ALSO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL BE IN FAVOR OF
16 LOCAL RESIDENTS AND OUR BELIEF THAT CELL TOWERS SHOULD BE KEPT
17 AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL AREA, ESPECIALLY IN AN AREA THAT WE'RE
18 ALL TRYING TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT, NOT ONLY HUMAN LIFE, BUT
19 ALSO THE LANDSCAPE OF LA CRESCENTA, WHICH IS JUST SO ORIGINAL.
20 WE'RE ALSO ASKING YOU TO NOT GRANT THE PERMISSION OF THE
21 CURRENT PROPOSING CONSULTING COMPANY AND TO PLEASE ALLOW
22 SOMEONE ELSE THAT HAS NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO BE THE ONE
23 THAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **TED BAUMGART:** MY NAME IS TED BAUMGART, A RESIDENT OF LA
3 CRESCENTA. WE'VE WORKED WITH THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS' FIFTH DISTRICT AND GOTTEN IN A LIBRARY, A
5 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS. WE
6 DON'T WANT TO DROP THE BALL ON THIS ONE. WE'RE A VERY
7 CONCERNED COMMUNITY. THIS CONSULTING FIRM IS AN INDUSTRY FIRM.
8 WE WANT TO BE HEARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **ROLA MOSRI:** MY NAME IS ROLA MOSRI, I'M A RESIDENT AND
13 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER. I'M ALSO A CHEMIST BY DEGREE AND
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. BRAIN TUMOR ASSOCIATION. OUR
15 ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DEVELOPED BRAIN
16 TUMORS UNNECESSARILY DUE TO CELLPHONE RADIATION EXPOSURE. WE
17 COLLABORATE WITH MORE THAN 200 MEDICAL DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS
18 AND 10 OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHO FOCUS ON SUPPORTING
19 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DEVELOPED CANCERS, NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE,
20 IMMUNE SYSTEM DISORDERS, AND SUFFERED REPRODUCTIVE HARM DUE TO
21 WIRELESS RADIATION EXPOSURE. THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND EXPERTS
22 ARE NOT EXPERTS THAT THE F.C.C. HIRES WHEN THEY SET OUR HUMAN
23 STANDARDS. WE HAVE THE ITALIAN CONSULATE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK.
24 AND I JUST WANTED THE TELL YOU THAT THE ITALIAN SUPREME COURT
25 HAS RULED THAT CELLPHONES CAUSE BRAIN CANCER. AND THEY HAVE

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1 AWARDED COMPENSATION TO SOMEBODY WHO'S ALREADY DEVELOPED BRAIN
2 TUMOR. AND THEY ALSO ARE WARNING THEIR PUBLIC ABOUT THE
3 DANGERS. AND WE ARE JUST PUSHING IT OUT THERE. WHILE I AM IN
4 FAVOR OF L.A. COUNTY ADOPTING A PROTECTIVE ORDINANCE TO
5 REGULATE SMALL CELL INSTALLATION, I AM VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO
6 USING INDUSTRY-FRIENDLY CONSULTING FIRMS TO CONSULT WITH BOTH
7 GOVERNMENT AND THE INDUSTRY. THIS IS A COMPLETE CONFLICT OF
8 INTEREST. CITYSCAPE BOASTS THAT IT WILL MAKE OUR COMMUNITY
9 COMPLIANT WITH F.C.C. RULES. BUT THE TRUTH IS, THE F.C.C.
10 RULES MAY GET OVERTURNED. AND THE COUNTY WILL BE STUCK WITH AN
11 OVERLY STRICT ORDINANCE. THIS CAN LEAVE THE COUNTY VULNERABLE
12 TO LAWSUITS AND COUNTY RESIDENTS VULNERABLE TO INJURY.
13 CURRENTLY THE F.C.C. IS BEING SUED BY 100 CITIES AND COUNTIES
14 FOR THEIR STREAMLINING ORDER THAT TAKES AWAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT
15 CONTROL. ADDITIONALLY, CONGRESSWOMAN ESHOO HAS SPONSORED A
16 BILE BILL HR.530 THAT WOULD MAKE F.C.C. ORDER HAVE NO FORCE OR
17 EFFECT. THE LAW FIRM [INAUDIBLE] ADVISES CITIES TO --

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.
20 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT IN, WE'LL MAKE SURE WE READ YOUR
21 ENTIRE TESTIMONY. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **VALERIE TUNA:** MY NAME IS VALERIE TUNA. I AM ALSO A RESIDENT IN
24 THE CONCERNED AREA OF LA CRESCENTA AND THE ADJOINING COMMUNITY
25 OF LA CANADA. I SUPPORT ITEM NUMBER 3. AND I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE

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1 ITEM NUMBER 48. I AGREE WITH MY OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT
2 CITYSCAPE. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT FOR A MOMENT HERE THE BEAUTIFUL
3 PRAYER THAT PASTOR STEPHANIE JAEGER SAID BEFORE THIS MEETING.
4 THE POINTS IN IT WERE ALMOST PERFECT FOR WHAT I WANTED TO
5 BRING OUT TODAY, WHICH WAS THAT WE ARE PEOPLE. AND WE ARE
6 FIGHTING CORPORATIONS. WE ARE NOT FIGHTING A HIGHER POWER
7 HERE. WE'RE FIGHTING A CORPORATION. TO QUOTE HER POEM -- HER
8 PRAYER, WHICH WAS SO POIGNANT, THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE,
9 TO PROTECT THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE. I AM CHARGING THIS
10 CITY AND THIS COUNTY AND THIS GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THE WELL-
11 BEING OF THE PEOPLE AND THE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WE CHERISH.
12 THESE ARE DIRECT QUOTES. JUST AND ABUNDANT VISION FOR THE
13 PEOPLE NOT FOR THE CORPORATIONS NOT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO
14 MAKE MONEY OFF OF OUR PROBLEMS, OUR HEALTH. AND I THINK WE ALL
15 AGREE THAT WE WANT A HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL WORLD. WE DON'T WANT
16 PEOPLE WITH UNUSUAL CANCERS CROPPING UP. WE DON'T WANT
17 CHILDREN IN DANGER. WE DO NEED TO PROTECT OURSELVES. THE
18 CURRENT TECHNOLOGY IS NOT A HEALTHY TECHNOLOGY. WE'VE ALREADY
19 HEARD ABOUT IT. WE'VE READ ABOUT IT. WE CANNOT SUPPORT A
20 TECHNOLOGY THAT CAUSES MORE HARM TO HUMANS AND OUR ECOSYSTEMS.
21 DO WHATEVER YOU CAN. SPEAK TO WHOEVER YOU CAN. THIS IS VERY
22 SERIOUS. AND THIS COMMUNITY IS RISING UP. AND THERE'S HUNDREDS
23 OF PEOPLE BEHIND EACH ONE OF US WHO CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT THIS
24 ISSUE. AND I URGE EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

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1 THAT ARE FIGHTING 5G TOWER INSTALLATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND BEFORE THE NEXT
5 SPEAKER, WE HAVE ONE MORE TO CALL UP.

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD ANDREA GORDON PLEASE COME FORWARD
8 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

11

12 **DICK HOGUE:** GOOD MORNING. I'M DICK HOGUE. I'M A RESIDENT OF
13 GRANADA HILLS. I'M NOT A SCIENTIST, BUT I AM A GRANDFATHER.
14 AND I'M A GRANDFATHER WHO'S DONE HIS RESEARCH ON THIS 5G
15 TECHNOLOGY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEND MUCH TIME AT PUB MED TO
16 SEE ALL OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THERE ARE HEALTH ISSUES RELATED
17 TO THIS 5G TECHNOLOGY. PUB MED IS WHERE YOU FIND ALL OF THE
18 SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND ARTICLES RELATED TO ANYTHING RELATED TO
19 HEALTH AND WELLNESS. AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND
20 THAT THE SCIENTISTS AND THE TELECOM INDUSTRIES ARE NOT ON THE
21 SAME PAGE WITH REGARD TO THESE HEALTH ISSUES. I URGE THE BOARD
22 TO ADOPT A POLICY THAT GIVES RECOGNITION TO THE LONG-TERM,
23 NON-THERMAL, AND NON-THERMAL IS VERY IMPORTANT ON THIS POINT,
24 THE NON-THERMAL, BIOLOGICAL AND HEALTH EFFECTS THAT ARE NOT
25 TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CURRENT LEGISLATION THAT ARE CAUSED

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1 PRIMARILY BY THE BIOLOGICAL AND HEALTH EFFECTS THAT WE HAVE
2 WITH WIRELESS RADIATION EMISSIONS. THESE EMISSIONS ARE COMING
3 FROM WIRELESS DEVICES AND THESE ANTENNAS THAT ARE CROPPING UP
4 ALL OVER LOS ANGELES LIKE WEEDS BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY
5 REGULATION. OTHER CITIES HAVE REGULATIONS. THE FACT THAT WE
6 DON'T HAVE ANY REGULATIONS IS A DISGRACE. AND, FINALLY, I
7 OPPOSE APPOINTING CITYSCAPE. THEY HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
8 THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **ANDREA GORDON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANDREA
13 GORDON. I'M A COUNTY RETIREE. I LIVE IN TURNBULL CANYON IN THE
14 FOURTH DISTRICT. AND I, TOO, AM CONCERNED WITH THE ISSUES OF
15 THESE TOWERS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. I AM A CANCER SURVIVOR OF
16 MORE THAN 20 YEARS. AND I WANT TO BE SURE THAT WHATEVER THE
17 BOARD DECIDES WITH REGARDS TO THE PLACEMENT OF THESE TOWERS
18 THAT THERE IS A CONSIDERATION FOR THE HEALTH OF THOSE OF US
19 WHO LIVE THERE AND WORK THERE WHERE THESE TRANSMITTERS ARE
20 TRANSMITTING ALL THE TIME. EVEN THOUGH I LIVE IN A WILDLIFE
21 PRESERVE ON 2 ACRES WITH LOTS OF ANIMALS AND WILDERNESS, I
22 HAVE TWO EDISON POWER POLES ON MY PROPERTY. THEY CARRY HIGH
23 VOLTAGE POWER LINES. AND ONE IS VERY CLOSE TO MY HOUSE. I HAVE
24 STRONG CONCERNS ABOUT THAT. IF SOMEBODY WANTED TO ADD CELL
25 TOWERS TO THOSE TWO POWER POLES ON MY PROPERTY, I WOULD HAVE

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1 STRONG CONCERNS ABOUT HOW MY HEALTH WOULD BE AFFECTED. SO I
2 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOUR BOARD, AND PARTICULARLY YOU,
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN, TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS MATTER WITH REGARDS
4 TO PROTECTING OUR HEALTH. AS FOR ITEM 48, WHEN I SIGNED UP IN
5 FAVOR OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE, IT LINKED ME TO 48. I AM NOT
6 NECESSARILY IN FAVOR OF 48 AND WOULD NEED MORE TIME TO
7 RESEARCH THAT ISSUE. AND SO MY POSITION IN SUPPORT IS FOR ITEM
8 3. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU TO
11 EVERYONE WHO CAME DOWN TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE. THERE'S A LOT
12 OF PASSION ABOUT THIS ISSUE. AND, AGAIN, AS I SAID IN MY
13 REMARKS, AS WE GO FORWARD TO DRAFT THIS ORDINANCE, WE WILL BE
14 TAKING AS MUCH INPUT AS WE CAN FROM ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES AS
15 WE TRY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT MAKES SENSE. AND,
16 COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE BEFORE US 3 AND 48. THEY'RE LINKED
17 TOGETHER. BUT AFTER HEARING SO MANY SPEAKERS RAISE CONCERNS
18 ABOUT THIS CONSULTANT, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WOULD SUPPORT ME
19 IN CONTINUING 48. I KIND OF AGREE WITH THAT LAST SPEAKER, I
20 NEED A LITTLE BIT MORE RESEARCH ON THAT AND WOULD LIKE TO TALK
21 TO AMY A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT -- THANK YOU. SO WE WILL
22 CONTINUE -- [APPLAUSE] THE PIECE ABOUT THE CONSULTANT. BUT WE
23 WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH ITEM 3, WHICH IS TO BEGIN LOOKING AT
24 THIS ORDINANCE. SO, WE'LL HAVE ITEM 3 BEFORE US. MOVED BY
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE

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1 THIS ITEM. AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
2 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER ON ITEM 3. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] SO NOW
3 WE'RE ON ITEM 4. AND THIS ITEM WAS ACTUALLY HELD BY SUPERVISOR
4 KUEHL. DID YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME REMARKS?

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I
7 APPRECIATE WHAT YOU AND THE FOLKS INVOLVED ARE TRYING TO DO.
8 WE HAVE AN UNUSED, UNDER- UTILIZED PARKING LOT. WE WANT TO LET
9 THE ARCHDIOCESE USE IT, ATHLETIC EVENTS. AND THE PUBLIC WOULD
10 USE IT, ETC., HOPING, OF COURSE, THAT THE PUBLIC BENEFITS
11 THAT ARE ALWAYS PROMISED DO COME TO FRUITION. BUT I WANTED TO
12 INDICATE, UNFORTUNATELY, I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS
13 WITH MY VOTE BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS
14 ANGELES HAS BECOME FAIRLY DECENT ON L.G.B.T.Q. ISSUES, UNLIKE
15 OTHER DIOCESE IN THE UNITED STATES, MANY OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS
16 HAVE CHANGED THEIR PARENTS' HANDBOOK TO REFLECT SOME MORE
17 INCLUSIVE THINKING, BUT UNFORTUNATELY ST. PIOUS ACADEMY DID
18 NOT AND, IN THE STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK, ESSENTIALLY TALKS
19 ABOUT THIS AS A KIND OF ADOLESCENT CONFUSION THAT NEEDS TO
20 HAVE COUNSELING. AND THE COUNSELING IS REFERRED TO AS BEING
21 DONE IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT, WHICH MAY NOT EXACTLY BE
22 CONVERSION THERAPY, BUT ONE ALWAYS WORRIES ABOUT WHAT THE
23 MESSAGE BEING SENT. THE HANDBOOK ALSO INSTRUCTS EVERYONE NEVER
24 TO USE THE TERM "GAY OR LESBIAN" IN ANY INSTRUCTION OR
25 CONVERSATION. SO I WOULD ASK IF THE BOARD OF -- AND THE

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1 ADMINISTRATION OF ST. PIOUS MIGHT LOOK AT THEIR HANDBOOK AND
2 REFLECT ON A MORE APPROPRIATE WAY, PERHAPS, TO DEAL WITH ALL
3 OF THEIR STUDENTS THE WAY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES AND
4 MANY OTHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE. SO I THANK YOU FOR
5 ALLOWING ME TO BRING THAT TO PEOPLE'S ATTENTION. AND I'LL BE A
6 NO VOTE ON THIS.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND I'M
9 ACTUALLY GLAD YOU DID BRING THAT UP. BUT JUST TO LET EVERYBODY
10 KNOW, THIS IS A SMALL PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT WAS NOT BEING
11 USED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THIS HIGH SCHOOL WOULD
12 LIKE TO USE THAT. AND THEY HAVE GUARANTEED THAT THEY WILL BE
13 OPENING UP THEIR ATHLETIC FIELDS TO THE COMMUNITY. AND I WILL
14 SAY THAT THE STUDENTS AT THIS HIGH SCHOOL ARE INVOLVED IN SO
15 MANY POSITIVE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR VOLUNTEERING AND GIVING BACK
16 TO THE COMMUNITY. BUT I AM GLAD YOU BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE. AND
17 I, TOO, HAVE SPOKEN TO THE BOARD AND ASKED IF THEY WOULD
18 CONSIDER LOOKING AT THAT LANGUAGE BECAUSE I AGREE WITH YOU. I
19 THINK EVEN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS EVOLVED IN THAT. AND
20 CERTAINLY, THE ARCHDIOCESE DOES NOT USE THAT PARTICULAR
21 LANGUAGE. AND I LIKE TO REFER TO THE POPE WHO SAID, "WHO AM I
22 TO JUDGE?" SO ARE THERE ANY SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP?

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO SPEAKERS.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, OKAY. THEN THIS ITEM 4 IS BEFORE
2 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. THIS ITEM PASSES 3-1. THANK YOU.
4 OKAY. NOW, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP THE SET ITEM. CAN WE TAKE IT
5 UP BEFORE 11?

6

7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE COULD TAKE UP ITEM 17, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM 17 BECAUSE THE
10 OTHER ITEM HAS TO BE AT 11 O'CLOCK. SO ITEM 17 WAS HELD BY
11 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU
12 LIKE TO MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I AM PLEASED TO
15 JUST CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO THAT
16 THIS BOARD FIRST FORMALLY AND OFFICIALLY DECLARED OUR
17 COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY WITHIN THE AREA OF BUSINESS
18 PARTICIPATION. EACH OF US IS FUNDAMENTALLY COMMITTED TO THIS.
19 AND CERTAINLY IT'S APPROPRIATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT IS
20 DONE BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS WHO JOINS ME IN COAUTHORING THIS IN
21 SETTING THE GOAL. AND THAT WAS IN 2016. L.A. COUNTY HAS
22 SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL TO INFLUENCE THE COMPOSITION OF
23 BUSINESSES THAT CAN THRIVE IN THIS REGION. AND I SIMPLY
24 BELIEVE, AND I THINK IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT ALL OF US ON THIS
25 BOARD BELIEVES, THAT THERE'S HUGE OPPORTUNITY IN THE COUNTY OF

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1 LOS ANGELES, AND WE SHOULD SPREAD IT AS EQUITABLY AS IS
2 POSSIBLE. AND AS SUCH, WE'VE DECLARED OUR COMMITMENT TO
3 DIVERSITY AND TO ENSURING THAT BUSINESSES OF ALL SIZES HAVE A
4 REAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROCUREMENT EFFORTS. WE
5 SET A GOAL OF 25 PERCENT FOR SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION. AND
6 WE DID THAT THOUGHTFULLY. WE LOOKED AT THE POOL OF LITERALLY
7 \$3.9 BILLION WORTH OF PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND THE NUMBER
8 OF BUSINESSES IN THE MARKETPLACE TO SET, WHAT MIGHT BE IN SOME
9 PEOPLE'S MIND A LOFTY, BUT IN OUR MIND, AN ACHIEVABLE GOAL.
10 AND NOW IT'S TIME TO DOUBLE DOWN IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT
11 ACHIEVING THIS GOAL. WE DIDN'T SET THAT TO BE ASPIRATIONAL
12 WITH A SMALL A. OUR ASPIRATIONS ARE WITH A CAPITAL A. AND,
13 THEREFORE, WE MEAN TO GO AFTER THIS WITH THE KIND OF STRENGTH
14 THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS CAPABLE OF. AND I WANT TO
15 ACKNOWLEDGE BOTH JOE NICCHITTA AND SCOTT MINNIX AND ALL OF OUR
16 COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATES FOR BRINGING US TO THIS POINT.
17 SINCE THE BOARD SET THE GOAL IN 2016, WE HAVE MORE THAN
18 DOUBLED THE AMOUNT OF CONTRACTING WITH SMALL BUSINESSES. BUT
19 MORE CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE. WE CAN GET TO AT LEAST \$1
20 BILLION BY 2020 IF WE ARE SERIOUS. IF WE ARE INTENTIONAL, WE
21 CAN GET THERE. AND SO THE MOTION TODAY ASKS THE LEAD
22 DEPARTMENTS, NAMELY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
23 AFFAIRS, AND THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TO DEVELOP AN
24 18-MONTH PLAN OF ACTION TO MEET THAT GOAL, ESSENTIALLY 1
25 BILLION BY 2020. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR APRIL 2ND

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1 PRESENTATION, WHICH I TRUST WILL PROVIDE US WITH A ROAD MAP ON
2 THE PATH FORWARD. I APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO THIS
3 ISSUE. AND I'D LIKE TO AFFORD OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AN
4 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEIR VIEW ON THE SUBJECT AND FURTHER
5 ENLIGHTEN US. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WELCOME TO OUR DEPARTMENT
8 HEADS.

9

10 **JOE NICCHITTA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOE NICCHITTA, THE DIRECTOR OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. I LOST THE COIN
13 FLIP, SO I'LL GO FIRST.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY.

16

17 **JOE NICCHITTA:** I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
18 FOR THOSE REMARKS AND THANK YOU ALSO TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
19 BRINGING THE MOTION TODAY. AS SCOTT MINNIX WILL REITERATE,
20 CONTRACTING WITH SMALL BUSINESSES IS IMPORTANT. AND IT'S AN
21 IMPORTANT GOAL. AND IT'S A COUNTY-WIDE EFFORT. IT'S NOT JUST
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS OR I.S.D.,
23 IT'S ALL OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON
24 THIS GOAL. I WANT TO SHARE A FEW REMARKS AND SOME DATA, AND
25 THEN I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MR. MINNIX. AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS MENTIONED, IN 2016, YOUR BOARD ESTABLISHED AN
2 AMBITIOUS, WITH A CAPITAL A, LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACT
3 UTILIZATION GOAL FOR THE COUNTY. TO THE GET TO GOAL, THE
4 COUNTY NEEDS TO AWARD 25 PERCENT OF AN AVAILABLE \$3.9 BILLION
5 TO LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES BY 2020. MUCH PROGRESS HAS
6 BEEN MADE OVER THE LAST 2-1/2 FISCAL YEARS. AND I'LL SHARE
7 SOME DATA WITH YOU. IN FISCAL YEAR 2015/16, BEFORE YOUR BOARD
8 ESTABLISHED THE UTILIZATION GOAL, THE COUNTY AWARDED
9 APPROXIMATELY \$181 MILLION TO LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES OPERATING
10 IN THE COUNTY. TWO YEARS LATER, TWO FISCAL YEARS LATER, FISCAL
11 YEAR 2017/18, THE COUNTY AWARDED APPROXIMATELY \$355 MILLION TO
12 CERTIFIED BUSINESSES, ALMOST 100 PERCENT INCREASE FROM WHERE
13 WE STARTED. AND I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT AWARDS TO CERTIFIED
14 BUSINESSES CONTINUES TO GROW. IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS
15 FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY AWARDED APPROXIMATELY \$312
16 MILLION TO CERTIFIED BUSINESSES, ALMOST MATCHING WHAT WE
17 AWARDED ALL LAST FISCAL YEAR. BUT WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO ABOUT
18 A BILLION DOLLARS TO MEET OUR GOAL. AND WE'RE NOT QUITE THERE.
19 SO THIS MOTION IS VERY WELCOME. AND FOR THE SAME REASON, MY
20 DEPARTMENT RE-ENGAGED K.H. CONSULTING, WHO WE WORKED WITH TO
21 DRAFT THE ORIGINAL FOUR-YEAR UTILIZATION PLAN IN 2016. WE
22 ASKED K.H. TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF WHAT WE'VE
23 DONE, WHERE WE'RE GOING, AND WHAT WE CAN DO BETTER. AND IT'S
24 CLEAR FROM OUR WORK WITH THE CONSULTANT THAT THERE IS A GREAT
25 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONTRACTING WITH THE COUNTY MORE

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1 ACCESSIBLE AND, FRANKLY, MORE EQUITABLE FOR LOCAL SMALL
2 BUSINESSES AND DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY
3 BUSINESS ENTERPRISES LIKE MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES AND WOMEN-
4 OWNED BUSINESSES. FOUR QUICK HIGH-LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
5 WILL BE FORTHCOMING. FIRST, WE NEED TO INCREASE OUR POOL OF
6 VENDORS AND BE SMARTER ABOUT OUTREACH, THAT INCLUDES SOLID
7 PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL CHAMBERS AND TRADE ORGANIZATIONS. BUT
8 OUR OUTREACH SHOULDN'T FOCUS ONLY ON REGIONAL MESSAGING BUT
9 ALSO ON HYPER LOCAL ADVERTISING, LIKE SMALL BATCH PRINT PAPERS
10 IN ETHNIC MEDIA. AND WE REALLY SHOULD BE TAILORING SOME OF OUR
11 PROGRAMS LIKE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY BUSINESS
12 ENTERPRISES, MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES
13 THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED FROM GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT.
14 SECOND OF FOUR, WE NEED TO MAKE EASIER FOR VENDORS TO DO
15 BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY. WE SHOULD PROVIDE DEPARTMENTS MORE
16 LEEWAY TO CONTRACT WITH CERTIFIED BUSINESSES. WE SHOULD REDUCE
17 DUPLICATION. WE SHOULD STOP KILLING TREES AND MOVE TO ONLINE
18 MODULES AND TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT OUR INSURANCE BONDING
19 REQUIREMENTS. THIRD OF FOUR, WE NEED TO EXPLORE CHANGES TO OUR
20 INTERNAL DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE WE
21 HAVE RIGHT DATA TO MAKE SMART DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO INCREASE
22 SMALL BUSINESS VENDOR UTILIZATION. FINALLY, THERE ARE
23 OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE OTHER AGENCIES' SMALL BUSINESS
24 CONTRACTING EFFORTS THROUGH RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS AND
25 REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS. AND THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHERS

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1 WILL BE PART OF K.H. CONSULTING'S EVALUATION REPORT, WHICH WE
2 EXPECT TO FINALIZE IN THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS. AND WE WILL OF
3 COURSE RETURN TO YOUR BOARD ON APRIL 2ND TO DISCUSS THOSE
4 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND NOW, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO SCOTT MINNIX.

5

6 **SCOTT MINNIX:** THANK YOU, JOE. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR
7 OBSERVATION. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK YOU
8 FOR INTRODUCING THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. AS YOU HAVE MADE
9 CLEAR WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP, OPENING UP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL
10 COMMUNITY BUSINESSES IS CORE VALUE FOR THE COUNTY AND OUR
11 DEPARTMENTS. 1 BILLION DOLLARS IS NO SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY. AS
12 A DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY
13 PURCHASING AGENT, I WANT TO REITERATE OUR COMMITMENT TO
14 ACHIEVING THIS VITAL GOAL. AS JOE JUST LAID OUT, THE COUNTY
15 HAS MADE SOME REAL STRIDES SINCE THE BOARD ANNOUNCED THIS
16 LOFTY BUT AGGRESSIVE GOAL. FOR OUR PART AT I.S.D., WE HAVE
17 AWARDED NEARLY 25 PERCENT OF OUR PURCHASING SPEND TO LOCAL
18 SMALL BUSINESSES IN OUR MOST RECENT QUARTER REPORTING. WE KNOW
19 WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO BECAUSE MORE THAN 75 PERCENT OF THE
20 COUNTY'S CONTRACT DOLLARS ARE SPENT ON SERVICES ACROSS ALL THE
21 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, EACH WITH ITS OWN PROCESS. THEREFORE,
22 I.S.D. HAS PARTNERED WITH D.C.B.A. TO BE THE MODEL DEPARTMENT
23 FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT JOE HAS JUST IDENTIFIED. WE ARE
24 WORKING TO REMOVE BARRIERS AND OBSTACLES FOR SMALL AND
25 COMMUNITY BUSINESSES BY MAKING OUR PROCUREMENT PROCESS

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1 SIMPLER, FASTER, AND MORE USER-FRIENDLY. WE HAVE BEEN
2 REVIEWING OUR PROCESSES, RULES, AND TECHNOLOGY TO FORMULATE A
3 COMPREHENSIVE AND INNOVATIVE PLAN TO MODERNIZE OUR PROCUREMENT
4 SYSTEM. WE WILL INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY BY
5 PROVIDING CLEARER INFORMATION AND DATA FOR BUSINESSES TO PLAN
6 BETTER AND FOR PUBLIC TO HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO OUR
7 PERFORMANCE. WE WILL REDUCE IMPEDIMENTS FOR OUR SMALL
8 COMMUNITY BUSINESSES BY IDENTIFYING ONEROUS AND UNNECESSARY
9 REQUIREMENTS. AT I.S.D., WE ARE SHIFTING OUR CULTURE OF OUR
10 PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONALS. WE WANT TO SHIFT FROM BEING
11 GATEKEEPERS TO DOOR OPENERS. IN FACT, WE'VE ALREADY STARTED TO
12 LOOK AT WAYS WE CAN GO AND MEET BUSINESSES WHERE THEY ARE
13 INSTEAD OF EXPECTING THEM TO COME TO US. THIS INCLUDES
14 LEVERAGING SOCIAL MEDIA TO COMMUNICATE CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES
15 AND ADVERTISING IN LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLICATIONS.
16 ULTIMATELY, WE WILL SUCCEED BY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT PROCUREMENT
17 IS NOT JUST A MEANS FOR THE COUNTY TO PURCHASE GOODS AND
18 SERVICES BUT AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR PEOPLE. I
19 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS
20 IMPORTANT TOPIC. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK TO YOU ON
21 APRIL 2ND TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK
22 YOU.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
3 I THINK EVERYONE ON THE BOARD IS UNIQUELY FIXATED ON BECAUSE
4 WE KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO TRY TO CHANGE THE WHOLE
5 PARADIGM IN TERMS OF HOW WE DO CONTRACTING BUT HOW WE ALSO
6 ENGAGE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. AND I, FOR ONE, WOULD LIKE TO
7 KNOW HOW FURTHER FROM YOU WHAT THE CHALLENGES ARE
8 TECHNOLOGICALLY. WHY IS IT THAT WE CAN'T TALK TO EACH OTHER IN
9 TERMS OF OUR DEPARTMENTS? THAT'S ONE. AND THEN ALSO ASKING YOU
10 TO LOOK AT OTHER DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE, WHILE WE ARE LOOKING AT
11 PROCUREMENT, I REALIZE THAT THE COUNTY DOES SO MANY VAST
12 THINGS. WE EVEN RENT SPACE AND PROPERTY. ARE WE LOOKING AT
13 THAT IN TERMS OF WHO OWNS THOSE PROPERTIES? ARE THOSE FOLKS
14 FROM OUR AREAS? DO THEY REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COUNTY?
15 AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. I THINK
16 EVERYTHING ELSE YOU'VE SAID, INCREASING THE POOL OF VENDORS,
17 OUTREACH, BUT ALSO MAKING SURE THAT YOU'RE OUT THERE WHERE THE
18 PEOPLE ARE BECAUSE WE CAN HOST EVENTS AND TRY TO ATTRACT
19 PEOPLE, BUT IF YOU'RE NOT OUT THERE ON A REGULAR BASIS, NO ONE
20 IS GOING TO KNOW WHO TO CALL. SO WITH REGULARITY, I THINK
21 REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION CAN HELP. BUT AGAIN, BACK
22 TO MY QUESTION ABOUT THE CHALLENGES OF TECHNOLOGY, WHY CAN'T
23 WE GET INFORMATION RIGHT NOW FROM I.S.D. ABOUT THE DATA THAT
24 YOU HAVE AVAILABLE IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO SHARE THAT WITH

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1 YOUR COLLEAGUE HERE SO THAT WE CAN TRY TO AT LEAST BEGIN THAT
2 PROCESS? WHAT ARE THE HURDLES THAT YOU'RE FACING?

3

4 **SCOTT MINNIX:** AGAIN, SO THERE'S THE PROCUREMENT AND
5 CONTRACTING SIDE. AND THEY ARE TWO DIFFERENT SIDES. SO, ON THE
6 PROCUREMENT WE'RE ABLE TO SHARE ALL THAT DATA WITH JOE AND HIS
7 DEPARTMENT. ON THE CONTRACTING SIDE, IT'S PRETTY DISPARATE
8 ACROSS -- ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS DO CONTRACTING DIFFERENTLY.
9 AND SO, WHEN WE COLLECT THAT DATA, IT'S MANUAL. WE ARE WORKING
10 ON TRYING TO MECHANIZE THAT MATERIAL SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE IT
11 TO YOU. AND WE ARE IN PROCESS OF DOING THAT.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO I HOPE THAT WE HAVE A TIMELINE OR TIMEFRAME SO
14 THAT WE CAN GO FROM THE PAPER TO THE ELECTRONIC AND WHAT THAT
15 COST WILL BE. I'M SURE OUR C.A.O. SACHI HAMAI WILL HAVE AN
16 OPINION ON THAT. BUT SOMETHING THAT THIS BOARD REALLY WANTS TO
17 SEE HAPPEN IN TERMS OF SHARING DATA BECAUSE IT ISN'T JUST YOUR
18 DEPARTMENTS, IT'S ALL THE OTHERS, TOO, THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 PUBLIC WORKS.

20

21 **SCOTT MINNIX:** WE RECOGNIZE THAT'S A HURDLE, AND WE ARE WORKING
22 ON THIS. IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S A PRIORITY FOR US.

23

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1 **SPEAKER:** AND, SUPERVISOR, THAT WILL BE PART OF THE REPORT
2 THAT'S FORTHCOMING IS WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND HOW DO WE
3 OVERCOME THEM ON THE DATA SIDE.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND THANK YOU,
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AND I,
9 TOO, JUST WANT TO REALLY JUST MAKE SURE THAT WE, YOU KNOW,
10 REALLY TRY TO FIGURE THIS ONE OUT ON EVERY SINGLE LEVEL. I
11 KNOW FOR A SMALL BUSINESS TO EVEN BE CONSIDERED, THEY HAVE TO
12 BE CERTIFIED, WHICH IS A BIT OF A PROCESS. BUT WHEN I SPEAK TO
13 THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE WHEN I DO MY ANNUAL STATE OF THE
14 COUNTY ADDRESSES, I ALWAYS HAVE A SECTION WHERE I TALK ABOUT
15 HOW MUCH MONEY WE WANT TO AWARD TO SMALL BUSINESSES. AND, YET,
16 EVERY YEAR, WE'RE LEAVING A LOT ON THE TABLE. SO IT'S OUR
17 SMALL BUSINESSES, BY THE WAY, THAT ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR
18 ECONOMY. IT'S OUR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE HIRING PEOPLE.
19 WHEN THEY HAVE MORE CAPITAL, THEN THE FIRST THING THEY'RE
20 GOING TO DO IS HIRING PEOPLE. NO OFFENSE TO OUR BIG
21 BUSINESSES. BUT SOMETIMES THEY'RE THE ONES THAT WE READ ABOUT
22 THAT ARE LAYING PEOPLE OFF. WE LOVE OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. THEY
23 REALLY ARE THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND CERTAINLY OUR
24 COUNTY. SO WE HOPE WE DO BETTER EVERY SINGLE YEAR, BUT WE HOPE
25 WE FINALLY MAKE THAT 25 PERCENT GOAL. SO THANK YOU. ANY OTHER

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1 OF MY COLLEAGUES? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID YOU WANT TO
2 MAKE ANY CLOSING REMARKS, OR WE SAID IT ALL?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO BE HEARD.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THEN LET'S CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
9 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. GENE HALE, IRMA MUNOZ.
10 DENNIS WANG, ANGELA GIBSON SHAW. AMANDA RAMOS. CARMEN TORRES,
11 ANGEL MUNOZ. RAY VERCHEZ. KARIM RAWJI, AND WILL WRIGHT. PLEASE
12 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, GENE. GOOD MORNING. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **GENE HALE:** GOOD MORNING, HOW ARE YOU? GOOD TO SEE YOU. LONG
17 TIME, HUH? IT HAS BEEN.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME.

20

21 **GENE HALE:** THANK YOU. I GUESS I'LL GO FIRST.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

24

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1 **GENE HALE:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD. AND
2 THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO SAY A FEW
3 WORDS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS APPOINTED ME ABOUT FIVE YEARS
4 AGO TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION. AND IT WAS AT THAT TIME
5 WE WERE BRINGING ALL THIS FORTH TO THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT. AND
6 CERTAINLY, I APPRECIATE YOUR -- FROM OUR OBSERVATION, THANK
7 YOU. IT APPEARS THE SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM COULD BE MORE
8 ROBUST IF COUNTY AGENCIES ADOPT OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES'
9 PROCESSES FOR ACHIEVING THE GOALS IN THE COUNTY R.F.P.S. FOR
10 AN EXAMPLE, THE L.A. D -- LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND
11 POWER, LAUWER, THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND OTHERS HAVE
12 MANDATORY GOALS IN THEIR R.F.P.S. THEY DON'T SAY ASPIRATIONAL
13 BUT MANDATORY. NOW, MANDATORY GOALS ARE PART OF A RATING
14 SYSTEM THAT THESE AGENCIES USE IN THE R.F.P. EVALUATION
15 PROCESS. THIS IS NOT ILLEGAL BECAUSE IT'S RACE/GENDER NEUTRAL
16 AND NOT A QUOTA PROGRAM WHICH WAS STRUCK DOWN BY THE SUPREME
17 COURT DURING THE REAGAN YEARS. HOWEVER, THE COURT LEFT AN
18 OPENING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT WHAT THEY
19 CALL A DISPARITY STUDY. IF THEY COULD PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF
20 RACIAL, FINANCIAL, LACK OF ACCESS TO CAPITAL, THEN THOSE
21 AGENCIES WOULD THEN HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT SET-ASIDE
22 PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AND OTHER MINORITY GROUPS. SOME OF THE
23 COUNTY AGENCIES ALSO SEEM TO THINK THAT THIS SMALL BUSINESS
24 PROGRAM DOES NOT APPLY TO THEM. I'VE TALKED TO MANY OF THEM
25 AND THEY ARE JUST CONFUSED AS TO WELL WE HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN

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1 DIRECTED TO FOLLOW THOSE INSTRUCTIONS BECAUSE WE GET MONEY
2 FROM OTHER PLACES. SO MY SUGGESTION IS THAT THE COUNTY, THE
3 BOARD HERE, AUTHORIZE SOMEONE TO CHECK WITH ALL THE AGENCIES
4 UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE COUNTY TO CONFIRM IF THEY HAVE AN
5 UNDERSTANDING OF THIS. THEN TAKEN TOGETHER, STRONG R.F.P.
6 LANGUAGE THAT INCLUDES MANDATORY GOALS AND A POSITIVE
7 DISPARITY STUDY SHOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE COUNTY'S
8 SMALL BUSINESS GOALS.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD TO SEE YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
11 PLEASE.

12

13 **ANGELA GIBSON SHAW:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 ANGELA GIBSON SHAW, AND I SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE
15 GREATER LOS ANGELES AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND
16 I'M ALSO AN L.A. COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER. I JUST
17 BELIEVE THAT IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS TO
18 ACHIEVE THE 25 PERCENT CONTRACTING WITH SMALL BUSINESS. AND I
19 JUST WANT TO MAKE TWO POINTS WHY I BELIEVE IT'S SO IMPORTANT.
20 FIRST OF ALL, IT STRENGTHENS OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. WITH ALL OF
21 THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACTING DOLLARS AVAILABLE, WITH ALL
22 THE UPGRADES GETTING READY FOR THE OLYMPICS, TRANSPORTATION,
23 AND OTHER PROJECTS, IT WOULD BE A REALLY SAD, MISSED
24 OPPORTUNITY IF WE DIDN'T INCLUDE AND CONTRACT WITH OUR LOCAL
25 BUSINESSES. THE OTHER POINT IS WE HIRE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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1 STUDIES SHOW THAT WHEN SMALL BUSINESSES ARE PROSPEROUS, THEY
2 TEND TO HIRE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY LIVE AND WORK.
3 AND SO IT KEEPS IT ALL LOCAL. I BELIEVE YOU'VE GOT TO PUT THE
4 PEDAL TO THE METAL. WE'VE GOT TO DOUBLE UP ON OUR EDUCATION,
5 OUR EFFORTS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE'VE GOT TO GET MORE SMALL
6 BUSINESSES CERTIFIED, BUT WE'VE ALSO GOT TO GET THEM PAID ON
7 TIME. AGAIN, KEEP THE PEDAL TO THE METAL. THAT'S MY POINT ON
8 THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ANGELA. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **ANGEL MUNOZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. MY
13 NAME IS ANGEL MUNOZ, AND I OWN ABISCO PRODUCTS COMPANY. AND
14 WE'VE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH YOUR PROGRAM. WE RECENTLY GOT
15 A CONTRACT FOR \$101,000. SO GOING FROM NOTHING TO BEING
16 REQUESTED TO BID ON DIFFERENT PROJECTS HAS BEEN REALLY GREAT.
17 THE ONLY THING I HAVE TO SAY, THOUGH, IS THE MOST DIFFICULT
18 PART IS GETTING AN OPPORTUNITY. A LOT OF TIMES IT'S VERY
19 DIFFICULT TO GET TO THE GATEKEEPER. I'M VERY STUBBORN. SO I
20 ALWAYS GET TO THE GATEKEEPER. AND WE'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. BUT I
21 KNOW A LOT OF BUSINESSES THAT I'VE TALKED TO, IT'S GETTING
22 THAT ONE OPPORTUNITY. AND I THINK SOME DEPARTMENTS ARE
23 RELUCTANT BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO TRY A SMALL BUSINESS.
24 THEY'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH THEIR CURRENT BUSINESSES. SO I
25 WOULD JUST ENCOURAGE THAT SOMEHOW YOU OPEN THAT UP TO WHERE

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1 YOU CAN -- WHERE THE SMALL BUSINESSES CAN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
2 TO, YOU KNOW, TO TALK TO THE PERSON THAT REALLY -- BECAUSE I
3 MEAN LIKE FOR US IT'S NOT -- ONCE WE GET THE ORDER, THEN THEY
4 KEEP COMING BACK TO US. SO I WANT TO THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS
5 FOR HAVING THIS PROGRAM. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT ADVICE. BEFORE THE NEXT
8 SPEAKER SPEAKS, WE NEED TO CALL UP A FEW MORE PEOPLE.

9

10 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD DR.
11 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, JACK OCHOA, AND VICTOR TRUJILLO PLEASE
12 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **CARMEN TORRES:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SPEAKERS. MY NAME IS
17 CARMEN TORRES. I AM VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMMING FOR THE
18 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS LOS ANGELES
19 CHAPTER. AND I'M ALSO THE OWNER OF MY H.R. SPECIALISTS, A
20 SMALL BUSINESS WHO HELPS OTHER BUSINESSES WITH ALL OF THEIR
21 EMPLOYEE NEEDS. AND SINCE 1979, N.A.W.B.O. L.A. HAS
22 REPRESENTED THE VOICE OF ALL WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS THROUGHOUT
23 THE GREATER L.A. AREA. THERE ARE MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION IN THE
24 STATE. AND ALMOST HALF OF THEM ARE WITHIN THAT GREATER L.A.
25 AREA. WE APPRECIATE THE MOTION BEFORE US FOR CONTINUED

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1 COMMITMENT TO THE LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES COMMUNITY.
2 MANY OF OUR BUSINESSES ARE SMALL BUSINESS. AND THIS WOULD HAVE
3 A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO OUR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES. WHEN WE
4 MAKE MONEY, WE INVEST IT BACK INTO OUR FAMILIES AND TO OUR
5 COMMUNITIES. SO WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS CONTINUE TO GROW AT
6 SUBSTANTIAL RATES. AND THIS CONTINUED GROWTH CAN CREATE EVEN
7 MORE SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURS BECAUSE WHEN WE ENGAGE MORE WITH
8 LOCAL AGENCY -- IF WE ENGAGE MORE WITH LOCAL AGENCIES SUCH AS
9 THE COUNTY, WE CAN INCREASE PARTICIPATION WITH AN EASIER
10 PROGRAMMATIC PROCESS AND UNIVERSAL CERTIFICATION. AND,
11 FINALLY, COMMITMENT TO L.S.B.E.S MEANS COMMITMENT TO THE LOCAL
12 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THIS MONTH OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
15 MONTH, HATS OFF TO N.A.W.B.O.

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17 **CARMEN TORRES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE BEEN A GREAT VOICE FOR WOMEN-OWNED
20 BUSINESSES IN LOS ANGELES.

21

22 **CARMEN TORRES:** THAT IS WHAT WE STRIVE TO DO. THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH FOR THAT RECOGNITION.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **WILL WRIGHT:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS WILL WRIGHT. I WORK FOR
3 THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT
4 YOUR MOTION AND TO APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. I THINK WE
5 COULD ACTUALLY GO A LITTLE BEYOND 25 PERCENT. I THINK WE HAVE
6 THE COUNTY AND THE BUSINESSES IN THIS COUNTY TO MAKE A 30
7 PERCENT, 35 PERCENT GOAL. SO I WOULD LIKE TOWARDS THAT.
8 DEFINITELY LOOK AT THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AS A
9 PARTNER ON THIS. I SUPPORT YOUR IDEA FOR A REGIONAL
10 MARKETPLACE. I DO THINK IT NEEDS TO BE WHERE BUSINESSES CAN
11 AFFORD TO COMPETE FOR THESE JOBS, AND THEY CAN ALSO AFFORD TO
12 BE IN BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY. SO MAKING SURE THAT YOU'RE
13 TAKING CAREFUL LOOK AT HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO RUN A BUSINESS
14 WHEN YOU'RE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY I THINK IS VERY
15 IMPORTANT. AND THEN LASTLY HERE, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT YOUR
16 MOST RECENT HIRE WITH MICHAEL AL. I THINK THAT WAS A WONDERFUL
17 MOVE. AND I THINK THAT WILL HELP YOU CONNECT SOME OF THE
18 INITIATIVES YOU'RE WORKING ON WITH WHAT THE CITY OF LOS
19 ANGELES IS WORKING ON BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO
20 WITH MEASURE M., MEASURE W., OUR PREPARATIONS TO PREPARE THIS
21 REGION FOR THE OLYMPICS, FOR THE WORLD CUP. WE HAVE A LOT OF
22 WORK TO DO. AND I THINK WE'RE ALL HERE TO HELP. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU SO
2 MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR A FEW
3 YEARS AGO FOR MAKING THIS MOVE AND JOINING THE MOVEMENT. SO I
4 COME TO YOU WITH 25 YEARS AS THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE IN
5 THE COUNTY OF L.A. I'VE BEEN WITH THE L.A. U.S.D., WITH THE
6 CITY OF LOS ANGELES AD HOC COMMITTEE. I SIT WITH THE ARMY
7 CORPS OF ENGINEERS. AND I QUIETLY SIT IN QUARTER OF A MILE
8 AWAY FROM YOUR OFFICE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ON THIRD STREET. SO I
9 WOULD SAY THIS. THAT THE MOVEMENT IS STEADY. WE'RE MOVING THE
10 DIAL. I'M ACTUALLY QUITE SURPRISED THAT WE'RE AT 300,000. I
11 ACTUALLY EXPECTED THE NUMBER TO BE A LOT LOWER. BUT I WILL
12 TELL YOU ONE THING THAT WAS ALREADY BROUGHT UP SEVERAL TIMES,
13 AND IT'S HOW THESE OTHER AGENCIES ARE MEETING THEIR NUMBER.
14 AND THAT IS ONE THING. I BELIEVE GENE HALE MENTIONED IT. ALL
15 OF THEM ARE REQUIRING ON ALL OF THE SOLICITATIONS A MANDATORY,
16 MANDATORY, NOT A GOOD FAKE EFFORT, YOU HEARD THE RIGHT WORD,
17 NOT GOOD FAKE EFFORT, BUT A REAL GOAL. AND SO YOU GUYS HAVE
18 DONE THAT. SO YOU GUYS HAVE CROSSED THE BRIDGE. I WOULD TELL
19 YOU THAT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S GETTING THE PROCESS
20 TIGHTER. THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS IS NOT THAT DIFFICULT. I'VE
21 GOT IT DOWN TO 30 MINUTES. AND, YES, THAT'S END-TO-END. AND
22 THE REALITY IS IT'S JUST HAVING PEOPLE SHOW UP. IT'S THE
23 MESSAGING. RIGHT? I THINK YOU O TALKED ABOUT IT A COUPLE OF
24 TIMES. THE ONE THING THAT I WILL TELL YOU IS, FROM SOMEBODY
25 THAT USED TO WORK IN CORPORATE AMERICA, I AM ALWAYS AFRAID OF

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1 THE BIG GUYS, THE AMAZONS OF THE WORLD, THE OFFICE DEPOTS OF
2 THE WORLD. THEY KNOW THE POLICY INSIDE AND OUT. I WAS TRAINED
3 ON IT. AND I COULD TELL YOU THAT THE AVERAGE TRANSACTION
4 ACROSS THE COUNTY, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S L.A. U.S.D. OR
5 THE COUNTY OF L.A., THE AVERAGE TRANSACTION IS \$1500. AND THAT
6 \$1500 GOES TO BILLING BUSINESS. I KNOW. I DID IT WITHOUT A
7 CONTRACT AT THE COUNTY, \$4 MILLION DOLLARS EVERY YEAR. SO
8 THERE'S A GAP. SO I'M HERE TO HELP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF
14 THAT MOTION. I REALLY WANT TO SEND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO PUSHING. I THINK WHERE I DON'T SEE A LOT
16 OF COMMITMENT IS TO BRING SMALL BUSINESS WHEN IT COMES TO DEAL
17 WITH HEALTHCARE. THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES IN HOSPITAL AND SO ON
18 WHO COULD BE BETTER HANDLED BY SMALL BUSINESS. SO I HAVE NOT
19 SEEN THAT HAPPEN. SO I'D BE GLAD TO SUGGEST SOME POSSIBILITY
20 ON THAT. BUT I THINK IT'S A GREAT POINT TO MAKE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MERCI. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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24 **KARIM RAWJI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KARIM RAWJI. I OWN
25 U.S.A. RESTORATION. ABOUT 14 MONTHS AGO, I DECIDED TO TRY MY

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1 LUCK INTO THE COUNTY IN GETTING CERTIFIED AS A SMALL BUSINESS.
2 I MET CHRISTIAN ALMOS IN THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
3 ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT. I HAD ABOUT A TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH HIM.
4 WITHIN 24 HOURS, I WAS A CERTIFIED SMALL BUSINESS. RIGHT AFTER
5 THAT, I RECEIVED TWO MASTER AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR
6 EMERGENCY SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION, MOBILE FIRE CLEANUP. THE
7 CHALLENGE THAT I'VE FOUND IS THE SMALL BUSINESS DEPARTMENT IS
8 FANTASTIC GETTING US CERTIFIED, GETTING US TO WHERE WE NEED TO
9 BE. THE CHALLENGE I'M FINDING AS A SMALL BUSINESS IN THE L.A.
10 COUNTY WITH A MASTER AGREEMENT IS ACTUALLY GETTING WORK, WHERE
11 TO GO, HOW TO NAVIGATE, WHO TO CONTACT. I UNDERSTAND THE
12 COUNTY IS A LARGE ENTITY, AND THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS GOING
13 ON. BUT IF WE COULD HAVE SOME GUIDANCE ON THAT, COULD IT
14 BENEFIT ALL OF US. BUT AS FAR AS THE SMALL BUSINESS
15 DEVELOPMENT PLANNING BOARD AND TEAM, THEY ARE FANTASTIC. ANY
16 TIME I HAVE A QUESTION, ANY TIME I HAVE A CONCERN, THEY'RE
17 RELIABLE. THEY ANSWER IMMEDIATELY ANY QUESTIONS I HAVE. ANY
18 UPDATES, I GET INVITED TO THESE TYPES OF EVENTS TO SPEAK. I GO
19 TO ALL THE EVENTS I CAN. IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM THAT YOU GUYS
20 HAVE. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF AFTER GETTING CERTIFIED, WHICH WAY
21 TO GO. IF THERE'S A PROGRAM OR SOME TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT
22 AVAILABLE FOR US PEOPLE WHO GET THE MASTER AGREEMENTS, WHERE
23 DO WE GO? WHERE DO WE TURN TO? BECAUSE WE WANT TO OBVIOUSLY DO
24 WORK FOR THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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3 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** HI, MY NAME IS VICTOR TRUJILLO. I AM A
4 BUSINESS CONSUMER AFFAIRS. AND NOT EVEN SIX MONTHS AGO I HAD
5 DEALT WITH THE COUNTY OVER IT. AND IF THEY STILL HAVE PEOPLE
6 THAT ARE RIPPING PEOPLE'S PROPERTY OFF, BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
7 IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. IT HAPPENED TO ME. AND IT WAS STRAIGHT
8 ACROSS-THE-BOARD. IS THE SIGNATURES, WHEN I WAS IN JAIL, WERE
9 FORGED. BUSINESS CONSUMER AFFAIRS LIED. SO RECENTLY, I DID A
10 RESEARCH. AND I FOUND A SIGNATURE WHEN I GOT ARRESTED. IT WAS
11 THE SAME SIGNATURE FROM MY BOOKING THAT WAS IN MY ESCROW. I
12 KNEW THESE COPS WERE INVOLVED. BUT WHY WOULD BUSINESS CONSUMER
13 AFFAIRS HIDE IT UP? WELL, VERY EASY.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, REMEMBER, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT REACHING
16 A -- EXCUSE ME. MR. TRUJILLO, JUST A SECOND. HOLD HIS TIME.
17 WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY IS AN ITEM OF TRYING TO GET TO
18 25 PERCENT OF HIRING SMALL BUSINESSES.

19

20 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TRY TO STAY ON THAT TOPIC.

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24 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** VERY GOOD. BUT THE FACT IS WHEN SOMEBODY IS
25 ALREADY DOING BUSINESS AND THEY'RE DOING IT COLLUSION,

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1 COVERING UP OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES STEALING SOMEONE ELSE'S
2 PROPERTY, THAT IS COLLUSION. WHEN IT'S IN A CONSUMER, YOU'RE
3 TRYING TO HOOK UP BUSINESS CONSUMER AFFAIRS WITH HIGHER
4 ENTITIES. YOU SAY THEY'RE THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. WHEN I
5 GOT THEM BLOOD CAUGHT IN FORGERY, I GOT THEM LYING. I AM
6 SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD IN THE COUNTY JAIL BECAUSE OF BUSINESS
7 CONSUMER AFFAIRS. AND I BEGGED EVERY PERSON IN THIS COUNTY. I
8 SAT WITH ALL YOU PEOPLE, AND YOU GUYS ARE DECORATING THE
9 BUSINESS CONSUMER AFFAIRS. IF THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THEIR
10 JOB, DON'T GIVE THEM HIGH HOPES BECAUSE THE ONLY HOPE YOU GOT
11 IS CALLED PERJURY AND COLLUSION. AND AFTER, THAT IT'S CALLED
12 ORGANIZED CRIME. WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESSES, YOU GUYS ARE PUTTING
13 IT TOGETHER, EVERYBODY IS SAYING NICE THINGS. OH YEAH, THAT'S
14 FINE. EVERYBODY IS GETTING A JOB. THIS MAN SAYS HE COULD DO
15 WHAT HE COULD DO. I COULD DO THE SAME. BUT I WENT TO BUSINESS
16 CONSUMER AFFAIRS. I WAS TREATED LIKE A SLOB. SO I UNDERSTAND
17 HOW THIS SYSTEM RUNS. BUT BUSINESS CONSUMER AFFAIRS, IF
18 THEY'RE GOING THE SIT DOWN AND ACT LIKE A HUMAN BEING, DON'T
19 ACT LIKE A CRIMINAL. DON'T RIP PEOPLE OFF. AND I AM GOING TO
20 FILE THIS LAWSUIT. AND I AM GOING TO TALK TO THIS LAWYER YOU
21 HAVE HERE THAT'S BEEN HIDING MY COMPLAINTS WHEN I HAVE A
22 SIGNATURE THAT WAS FORGED AND PUT IN THE FEDERAL SYSTEM AND
23 COVERED UP BY CONSUMER AFFAIRS. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ONE MORE PERSON TO CALL
2 UP, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** DARRELL KRUSE, PLEASE COME UP AND STAFF
5 WILL ASSIST YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I AM GOING TO REMIND EVERYBODY BECAUSE WE
8 HAVE A REALLY LARGE CROWD HERE TODAY, SO IF YOU AGREE WITH A
9 SPEAKER, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU AGREED WITH HIM, BUT IF YOU AGREE
10 WITH A SPEAKER, JUST RAISE THE ROOF. AND IF YOU DISAGREE,
11 MAYBE JUST PUT YOUR THUMBS DOWN. BUT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO
12 LIMIT THE APPLAUSE AND SPEAKING FROM THE AUDIENCE. THANK YOU.
13 OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER? PLEASE.

14

15 **DARRELL KRUSE:** HI AND GOOD MORNING. I AM DARRELL KRUSE. AND
16 I'M AGAINST THIS BECAUSE IT'S JUST ANOTHER WAY TO CONTROL
17 WHERE THE MONEY GOES AND KEEP IT AWAY FROM ALL THE BIG
18 BUSINESSES THAT DO SUCH GOOD WORK AND DIRECT IT TO LIKE PEOPLE
19 WHO YOU KNOW. IT'S LIKE ON THE EARLIER THING, THE WIRELESS
20 TOWERS, THOSE WERE ALWAYS DIRECTED TO FRIENDS OF
21 COUNCILMEMBERS. AND IT'S A GOOD RENT YOU GET THERE. BUT MY
22 CONCERN HAS TO DO WITH WHY HELP ANYBODY? IN 14 YEARS, NOT ONE
23 PERSON WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS HELPED ME OTHER THAN
24 LIE TO ME AND CHEAT ME OUT OF EVERYTHING I TRY TO DO FOR MY
25 SMALL BUSINESS. IT'S AMAZING THAT YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING TO

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1 ENFORCE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING BUSINESS ILLEGALLY IN MY
2 INDUSTRY. AND IT IS MY INDUSTRY. IT'S FUNNY HOW YOU DON'T
3 ENFORCE YOUR RULES. BUT NOW YOU WANT TO MAKE UP SOME KIND OF A
4 POLICY WHERE YOU GIVE YOUR BUSINESS TO YOUR FRIENDS AND CALL
5 IT SMALL BUSINESS. THAT'S JUST WRONG BECAUSE NOBODY'S GIVEN ME
6 NOTHING. AND I'M JUST SITTING OUT HERE WAITING FOR IT. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ARE THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS
10 HAVE BEEN CALLED?

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12 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE ALL THE SPEAKERS, COLLEAGUES.
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID YOU WANT TO MAKE ANY OTHER
16 COMMENTS? OKAY. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. SO ITEM
17 17 IS BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. IF THERE
19 ARE NO OBJECTIONS, AND I DON'T SEE ANY, THAT WILL BE THE
20 ORDER. AND NOW, WE'RE BACK TO -- MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
21 WHERE ARE WE IN THE AGENDA?

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE ARE ON ITEM S-1 AND P-1, THE DISCUSSION
24 RELATED TO THE POLICY AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL FROM

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1 MEASURE A, THE SAFE CLEAN NEIGHBORHOODS PARKS AND BEACHES
2 MEASURES OF 2016.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE OUR SET ITEM S-1 AND 1-
5 P. AND WE WILL TAKE THEM UP TOGETHER. WE DO HAVE MEMBERS OF
6 THE DEPARTMENT THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. DO ANY OF MY
7 COLLEAGUES WANT TO -- YES. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO,
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS? THEN THAT WILL BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY.
9 LET'S HEAR FROM OUR WONDERFUL DEPARTMENTS. THANK YOU. WELCOME,
10 JOHN.

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12 **JOHN WICKER:** WELL, GREAT. WELL GOOD MORNING, CHAIRPERSON HAHN
13 AND SUPERVISORS. I'M JOHN WICKER, THE DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. AND WITH ME
15 TODAY IS JANE BEESLEY, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE REGIONAL PARK
16 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, AND ALSO BARBARA FERRER, THE PUBLIC
17 HEALTH DIRECTOR. I'M REALLY EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY AND TO
18 BRING FORWARD THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN PREPARED AS THE POLICIES
19 AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION MANUAL FOR MEASURE A. IN 2016, THE
20 VOTERS PASSED MEASURE A BY AN OVERWHELMING 74 PERCENT. AND WE
21 CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND PROTECT OUR LOCAL PARKS, WHICH
22 CONTINUES TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL PARKS, BEACHES,
23 OPEN SPACE, AND NATURAL LOCAL WATER RESOURCES. SINCE THE
24 APPROVAL OF MEASURE A, THE BOARD ASKED TO ESTABLISH A STEERING
25 COMMITTEE THAT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE MANY AREAS OF CONCERNS

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1 THAT INTERSECT PARKS LIKE HEALTH, BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENT, AND
2 HOUSING. EACH BOARD OFFICE APPOINTED FIVE MEMBERS FROM THEIR
3 DISTRICTS AS WELL AS HAVING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
4 DEPARTMENTS OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, BEACHES AND
5 HARBORS, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, MILITARY AND VETERAN
6 AFFAIRS, PARKS AND RECREATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH. AND ALSO
7 THERE WERE SOME COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE HEALTH
8 AND ENVIRONMENTAL ARENAS. THE WORK OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
9 WAS A DYNAMIC PROCESS WITH MANY PASSIONATE DISCUSSIONS AT THE
10 16 MEETINGS THAT EACH MEETING WAS APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS IN
11 LENGTH. THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WERE SENT TO
12 THE BOARD OFFICES THIS PAST SUMMER AND THE ROOT FOR THE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE PRESENTED HERE TODAY IN THE BOARD
14 LETTER AND ALSO THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL. I WANT TO
15 THANK THE STEERING COMMITTEE, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE
16 ORGANIZATIONS, THE BOARD OFFICES, ESPECIALLY THE PARK
17 DEPUTIES, THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, AND
18 ESPECIALLY JANE BEESLEY, ALL OF OUR PARK STAFF, FOR ALL OF
19 YOUR DEDICATION DURING THIS THOUGHTFUL PROCESS. KNOW THAT THE
20 WORK THAT WE'VE DONE COLLECTIVELY HERE WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD
21 THE FUTURE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
22 COUNTY. I'M NOW GOING TURN IT OVER TO JANL BEESLEY, THE
23 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE SOME
24 SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THE MANUAL AND THE BOARD LETTER.

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1 **JANE BEESLEY:** GOOD MORNING.

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3 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

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5 **JANE BEESLEY:** I'M JANE BEESLEY. I HAVE TWO TITLES. I'M THE
6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PARKS AND RECREATION. AND I AM THE
7 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.
8 FIRST, I WANT TO DESCRIBE HOW OUR P.O.S.D., THE REGIONAL PARK
9 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
10 RECREATION ON THE COUNTY-WIDE PARKS AND RECREATIONS NEEDS
11 ASSESSMENTS, THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT. THE COUNTY-WIDE PARK
12 NEEDS ASSESSMENT WAS A COLLABORATION FROM ITS INCEPTION
13 BETWEEN D.P.R.'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND OUR
14 P.O.S.D. STAFF MEMBERS FROM BOTH AGENCIES WORKED TOGETHER IN
15 ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS STARTING FROM THE BEGINNING IN THE
16 FALL IN 2014 CREATING A TEAM AND MEETING EVERY WEDNESDAY
17 AFTERNOON TO MOVE THE WORK FORWARD TOWARD A FINAL REPORT. THE
18 COLLEGIAL RELATIONSHIPS AROUND THIS WORK AND THE OUTCOMES ARE
19 STILL IN PLACE TODAY AND EVIDENCED IN THE STUDY UPDATES
20 WRITTEN INTO MEASURE A TO BE FUNDED BY OUR P.O.S.D. THERE IS
21 ALSO WORK WE, BOTH D.P.R. AND P.O.S.D., ARE MOVING FORWARD
22 WITH ON THE PARKS INVENTORY PORTAL, UPDATING AND EXPANDING ITS
23 CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE REPORTS BACK TO PARK AGENCIES, AND NOT
24 YET AVAILABLE TO THEM, ALONG WITH ONGOING DATA SHARING WITH
25 D.P.R. AND OTHER AGENCIES. THIS RELATIONSHIP IS BUILT IN THE

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1 VERY PROCESSES OF THE ASSESSMENTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE
2 DIRECTOR HAS OVERSIGHT AND DIRECT CONTACT DAILY WITH BOTH
3 AGENCY STAFF AS WELL AS THE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BOTH
4 AGENCIES HAVE WITH THE BOARD, PARTICULARLY ON POLICIES AND
5 PROCESS. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO LEAD THIS EFFORT TO
6 IMPLEMENT MEASURE A FOR THE COUNTY. THE BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE
7 TO THE TABLE WITH STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE DEPTH OF
8 THEIR EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN AN ENRICHING AND EDUCATIONAL
9 EXPERIENCE. THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES BEFORE YOU REFLECT THIS
10 EXPERTISE IN THE OUTCOMES OF THEIR WORK. AS JOHN MENTIONED,
11 MUCH OF THE WORK OF THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL BEFORE
12 YOU WERE ACHIEVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.
13 HOWEVER, THERE ARE AREAS WHERE A COMPROMISED STATEMENT WHEN
14 CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED. THE AREA THAT IS MOST
15 RECOGNIZED AS A COMPROMISE STATEMENT TARGETING OF FUNDS WITHIN
16 GRANT MAKING POLICY AROUND RESERVING 30 PERCENT OF THE
17 COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS IN CATEGORIES 3 AND 4 FOUR HIGH AND
18 VERY HIGH NEEDS STUDY AREAS. THESE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
19 WILL ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GRANTS, FUNDING,
20 FUNDING ELIGIBLE PARK PROJECTS WITH MEASURE A ANNUAL
21 ALLOCATIONS AVAILABLE TO EACH OF THE STUDY AREAS. I WOULD LIKE
22 TO THANK EACH OF YOU WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCESS AND
23 WELCOME EACH OF YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR INPUT AND SUPPORT OF THIS
24 WORK AS THE DISTRICT BEGINS ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE A.
25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. FERRER.

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3 **DR. FERRER:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
4 SUPERVISORS, FOR ASKING ME TO BE HERE TODAY TO ALSO SPEAK
5 ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARKS AND HEALTH. I ALSO WANT
6 TO THANK JOHN AND JANE AND ALL THEIR TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE
7 FABULOUS WORK THEY'VE DONE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS TO REALLY
8 ACKNOWLEDGE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR EVERYONE'S WELL-BEING FOR
9 US TO LOOK AT ISSUES AROUND ACCESS TO PARKS. AND I ALSO WANT
10 TO THANK THE MANY COMMUNITY ADVOCATES THAT HAVE WORKED
11 TIRELESSLY REALLY CONNECTING ALL THE DOTS FOR US, YOU KNOW,
12 HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITIES,
13 ALSO INTRICATELY INVOLVED IN THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY THAT
14 THE TAXPAYERS HAVE GIVEN US AROUND REALLY EXPANDING ACCESS TO
15 PARKS FOR EVERYONE. FROM PUBLIC HEALTH'S PERSPECTIVE, WE
16 CONSIDER PARKS TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH BECAUSE PARKS
17 ARE ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED ACCESS TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY,
18 REDUCED OBESITY AND CHRONIC DISEASE RATES, IMPROVED AIR
19 QUALITY, AND BETTER MENTAL HEALTH. THE IMPACT OF OBESITY AND
20 CHRONIC DISEASE ON SOCIETY IS LARGE, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE
21 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TREATMENT AND LOSS OF PRODUCTIVITY, AND
22 WITH THE PERSONAL TOLL OF ILLNESS AND PREMATURE DEATH. REGULAR
23 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH
24 STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING OBESITY AND CHRONIC DISEASES. THE
25 CENTERS OF DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RECOMMENDS THAT

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1 CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS GET AT LEAST 60 MINUTES A DAY OF
2 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND THAT ADULTS GET SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 30 AND
3 40 MINUTES A DAY. AND PARKS PROVIDE A CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR
4 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. PROXIMITY TO PARKS IS KEY BECAUSE LIVING
5 CLOSE TO A PARK ALLOWS PEOPLE TO INTEGRATE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
6 INTO THEIR DAILY ROUTINE. THERE IS A LOT OF EVIDENCE THAT
7 CHILDREN AND ADULTS GET MORE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WHEN THEY LIVE
8 NEAR A PARK, A TRAIL, OR A PLAYGROUND. FOR EXAMPLE, A 10-YEAR
9 STUDY OF MORE THAN 3,000 CHILDREN LIVING IN 12 COMMUNITIES IN
10 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOUND THAT THOSE WHO LIVE CLOSER TO
11 RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PARK LAND HAD MUCH LOWER RATES OF
12 OBESITY COMPARED WITH CHILDREN WHO LIVE FURTHER AWAY. IN MAY
13 2016, THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRODUCED A PARKS IN PUBLIC
14 HEALTH REPORT, WHICH COMPLEMENTED THE HISTORIC COUNTY-WIDE
15 PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT WAS COMPLETED
16 EARLIER THAT YEAR. OUR REPORT FOUND THAT CITIES AND
17 COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY WITH LESS PARK SPACE HAVE HIGHER
18 RATES ON AVERAGE OF PREMATURE DEATH FROM HEART DISEASE AND
19 STROKE AND HIGHER RATES OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY THAN THOSE CITIES
20 AND TOWNS THAT HAD MORE PARK SPACE. AND DISPROPORTIONATELY,
21 THERE WERE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND LATINOS
22 WHO WERE LIVING IN CITIES AND COMMUNITIES WITH LESS PARK SPACE
23 PER CAPITA. LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
24 CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED BY LACK OF ACCESS TO PARKS NEARBY
25 WHERE THEY LIVE. AND THIS HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THEIR

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1 HEALTH. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE A PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT
2 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS STRUCTURAL INEQUITIES IN L.A. THROUGH
3 INTENTIONAL INVESTMENTS TARGETED AT COMMUNITIES OF HIGH PARK
4 NEED. IN FACT, FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF MY DEPARTMENT, MAKING
5 INVESTMENTS IN PARKS IN HIGH PARK NEED COMMUNITIES IS AKIN TO
6 MAKING INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH IN THESE COMMUNITIES.
7 MAKING THESE INVESTMENTS IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT EQUITY STRATEGY
8 BECAUSE WE KNOW BY EXPANDING PARK ACCESS IN PARK POOR
9 COMMUNITIES WE CAN HELP REDUCE MANY OF THE WIDESPREAD HEALTH
10 INEQUITIES THAT WE SEE ACROSS THE COUNTY TODAY. I ALSO WANT TO
11 HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF OTHER AREAS WHERE THE STEERING -- THE
12 IMPLEMENTATION STEERING COMMITTEE FOR MEASURE A MADE SOME
13 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THINKS ARE SOUND.
14 ONE IS AROUND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AND I THINK THIS HAS COME
15 UP IN OTHER WORK THAT WE'VE TALKED WITH THE BOARD ABOUT. THE
16 DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CAN
17 SUPPORT BOTH HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED COMMUNITIES IN ACCESSING
18 FUNDS. WE KNOW THAT VERY OFTEN, HIGH NEED COMMUNITIES HAVE A
19 HARDER TIME COMPETING FOR GRANT FUNDS BECAUSE THEY LACK THE
20 RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED TO PREPARE AN EFFECTIVE GRANT
21 APPLICATION. AND SO, I WAS REALLY STRUCK TO SEE IN THE
22 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT FOLKS WERE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT
23 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF REALLY SUPPORTING
24 OUR COMMUNITIES AROUND REALLY STRENGTHENING THEIR ABILITY TO
25 GET THE RESOURCES THAT THEY THINK ARE SO IMPORTANT. AND I ALSO

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1 LIKE THE IDEA THAT THERE WOULD BE AN EVALUATION OF BOTH THE
2 MEASURE A GRANT PROGRAM AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
3 BECAUSE I THINK, AT THIS POINT, WE REALLY NEED TO ASSESS
4 WHETHER OUR OUTCOMES THAT WE ARE HOPING TO SEE ARE ACTUALLY
5 ACHIEVED AND THEN USE THAT INFORMATION TO GUIDE US IN FUTURE
6 DECISION-MAKING. SO I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK
7 TODAY. AND I'M SO EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY HELP
8 PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, LIVE THE LIVES THAT THEY'RE LOOKING FORWARD
9 TO LIVING IN THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTY THAT WE LIVE IN. SO THANK
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR
15 ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES THAT ARE PRESENTING HERE BEFORE US TODAY.
16 I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR WORK. I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU
17 STARTING BACK IN 2014 THAT WE WOULD BE HERE TODAY ON THIS
18 WONDERFUL DAY. IT REALLY IS SPECTACULAR TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOU,
19 AS WELL AS YOUR STAFF, OUR STAKEHOLDERS, WHO ARE ALL JOINED US
20 TODAY IN THE AUDIENCE. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK THEM FOR ALL
21 COMING AND THANK THE BOARD. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE COAUTHOR
22 OF MEASURE A, AND THAT IS MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WE
23 STARTED OUT ON A ROCKY ROAD BECAUSE WE KNOW, IN THE PAST, THE
24 COUNTY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PREVIOUS PARK
25 INITIATIVES. BUT THIS TIME, IT IS GOING TO BE A LOT DIFFERENT.

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1 THIS TIME, IT WAS REALLY GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US WORKING
2 TOGETHER AND MAKING SURE THAT WE DID A VERY THOROUGH ANALYSIS
3 AND ASSESSMENT. AND THAT MEANT INCLUDING ALL OF OUR
4 STAKEHOLDERS. BUT I WANT THE GIVE A SHOUT OUT OBVIOUSLY TO THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. JOHN, YOUR STAFF HAS BEEN
6 OUTSTANDING. I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW PROFOUND I WAS
7 MOVED TO SEE HOW THEY REALLY TOOK TO HEART GOING OUT TO THE
8 COMMUNITIES TIME AFTER TIME AFTER TIME AND SITTING THROUGH
9 LABORIOUS MEETINGS THAT WENT ON AND ON AND ON, EVEN SOME
10 LONGER THAN THREE HOURS. AND THEN ALSO TO THE REGIONAL PARKS
11 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, JANE, TO YOU, FOR HAVING THE
12 WHEREWITHAL, EVEN IN THE COLD AND HOT WEATHER, AND EVEN WHEN
13 PEOPLE PROBABLY DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO
14 BEGIN IN THIS PROCESS, YOU WERE THERE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU
15 FOR THAT. AND DR. FERRER, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY AND
16 FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS THAT YOU HAVE HELPED US REALLY BETTER
17 UNDERSTAND THE NEXUS BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND PARKS AND WHAT
18 THAT MEANS MOVING FORWARD. BUT I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT
19 OUT TO THE 46 MEMBER STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. I DON'T KNOW
20 IF THEY'RE ALL HERE, BUT I WOULD ASK THAT THEY STAND AND BE
21 RECOGNIZED BECAUSE THEY SPENT 15 MONTHS WORKING HARD TO
22 DEVELOP THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATION [APPLAUSE] MANUAL. THEY WERE
23 NOT PAID. THEY DID IT AS VOLUNTEERS. AND THAT SAYS A LOT ABOUT
24 OUR COUNTY. IT REALLY DOES. AND IT REALLY SAYS A LOT ABOUT THE
25 VOTERS WHO TRUSTED US BECAUSE I THINK THIS WAS ONE OF THOSE

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1 MEASURES THAT PASSED THAT HAD AN OVERWHELMING RESOUNDING
2 SUPPORT, WAY BEYOND THE TWO-THIRDS NECESSARY. AND NOT EVEN IN
3 MY WILDEST DREAMS DID I IMAGINE THAT WE WERE GOING TO REALLY
4 GET TO THAT. EVERYONE KEPT SAYING NO, NO, NO, DON'T STOP. JUST
5 KEEP GOING. JUST KEEP GOING. AND KEEP THE MOMENTUM UP. AND I
6 THANK EVERYBODY FOR THAT. AND I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF
7 THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT REALLY STUCK OUT AND WORKED WITH US ON
8 THIS TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT TOOLS
9 WERE. AND SOME OF THAT IS REFLECTED IN THE DATA AND
10 INFORMATION THAT WAS OBTAINED THAT IS DISPLAYED HERE IN THESE
11 MAPS THAT SHOW EXACTLY WHERE THE HIGH NEED AREAS ARE. AGAIN,
12 YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE RED TARGETS ARE BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE
13 NEED IS HIGHEST. BUT I WANT TO THANK PUBLICLY THE ADVANCEMENT
14 PROJECT OF CALIFORNIA, THE ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER FORWARD
15 MOVEMENT, BRUCE SADO, LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT, COMMUNITIES
16 FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY COALITION, COMMUNITY
17 INTELLIGENCE, ESPERANZA, COMMUNITY HOUSING, FRIENDS OF THE LOS
18 ANGELES RIVER, FROM LOT TO SPOT, INNER CITY STRUGGLE, LONG
19 BEACH ALLIANCE FOR FOOD AND FITNESS, LONG BEACH FORWARD, MARY
20 LEE, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AND CONSULTANT, MUJERES DE LA TIERRA,
21 NATIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION, PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL, PREVENTION
22 INSTITUTE, PROMESA, BOYLE HEIGHTS, SOCIAL JUSTICE LEARNING
23 INSTITUTE, SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE, THE CHILDREN'S
24 CLINIC, LONG BEACH ALLIANCE FOR FOOD AND FITNESS, THE NATURE
25 CONSERVANCY, THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, AND THE WILDERNESS

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1 SOCIETY. CAN YOU ALL STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED IF YOU'RE HERE?

2 [APPLAUSE] SINCE I HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD, WE HAVE ALL, I

3 BELIEVE, WORKED VERY STRATEGICALLY TO ENGAGE IN ADVOCATING FOR

4 THE BEST PRACTICES AND MAKING KEY INVESTMENTS THAT RAISED UP

5 THE COMPLEMENTARY ISSUES OF EQUITY AND DIGNITY IN ORDER TO

6 LIFT UP OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, THOSE OF LOW INCOME

7 WHERE WE SEE DISPARITIES TIME IN AND TIME OUT. TODAY, WE HAVE

8 AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY FOR THE MANY THOUSANDS

9 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LIVING IN SOME OF THE MOST UNDER-

10 SERVED COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S PREDOMINANTLY

11 PEOPLE OF COLOR WHO LIVE IN THESE UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES IN

12 EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT WHO FINDS THEMSELVES WITHOUT A

13 PLAYGROUND, A BASKETBALL COURT, A DIAMOND, A PARK, HIKING

14 TRAIL, OR EVEN AQUATICS CENTER. THE POLICIES IN THE GRANTS

15 ADMINISTRATION MANUAL, WHICH IS THE ITEM BEFORE US TODAY, IS

16 THE BLUEPRINT FOR HOW THOSE FUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO

17 COMMUNITY PARKS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. AND AS SUCH, IT'S

18 CRITICAL THAT THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING REFLECTS THE WILL OF

19 THE VOTERS. BACK IN 2014, I SPEARHEADED THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT,

20 AN UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT IN BOTH SCOPE AND SCALE THAT

21 COMPREHENSIVELY QUALIFIED THE NEEDS OF PARKS AND RECREATION

22 RESOURCES IN CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. IT WAS A

23 METICULOUS ADVENTURE. IT REALLY WAS. COMPLETED IN 2016, THE

24 PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT, WHICH WAS GROUNDED IN THE NEEDS-BASED

25 EQUITY FRAMEWORK, REPRESENTED A 14-MONTH PROCESS. 14 MONTHS OF

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1 ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR 88 CITIES AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS FROM
2 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THIS TRAILBLAZING PROCESS, WHICH WAS
3 OVERSEEN AND MANAGED BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
4 RECREATION, LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE SUCCESSFUL PASSAGE OF
5 THIS MEASURE, MEASURE A. I BELIEVE THE REASON MEASURE A WAS
6 APPROVED BY ALMOST 75 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY VOTERS IS BECAUSE
7 OF THE PROMISES MADE DURING THE PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROCESS
8 AS WELL AS A SUBSEQUENT CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE VOTERS TO
9 UNDERSTAND AND BE EDUCATED ABOUT THE PROCESS. MEASURE A WAS
10 INFUSED WEDNESDAY THE PROMISE OF EQUITY. WE PASSED MEASURE A
11 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT EVERY COMMUNITY, EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD,
12 EVERY FAMILY REGARDLESS OF INCOME LEVEL OR WHERE THEY LIVE IS
13 ENTITLED TO AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND WELL MAINTAINED PARK.
14 LAST WEEK, A SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL CALLED THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
15 NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ON THE
16 LARGEST EVER RESEARCH STUDY OF THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN GREEN
17 SPACES AND MENTAL HEALTH, A TOPIC THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED
18 QUITE A BIT ON THIS BOARD. RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT GROWING UP
19 NEAR GREEN SPACE WAS DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOWER RISK
20 OF DEVELOPING PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESSES IN CHILDHOOD BY ANYWHERE
21 FROM 15 PERCENT TO 55 PERCENT DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFIC
22 ILLNESS. IN FACT, THE STUDY FOUND THAT THE MORE OF ONE'S
23 CHILDHOOD SPENT CLOSE TO GREENERY, THE LOWER THE RISK OF
24 MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN ADULTHOOD. THE AUTHOR OF THE STUDY
25 SAID IF WE WERE TALKING ABOUT A NEW MEDICINE THAT HAD THIS

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1 KIND OF EFFECT, THE BUZZ WOULD BE HUGE. BUT THESE RESULTS
2 SUGGEST THAT BEING ABLE TO GO FOR A WALK IN THE PARK AS A KID
3 IS JUST AS IMPACTFUL. AND A FEW MONTHS AGO, OUR COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AS WAS NOTED, PUBLISHED A STUDY
5 ON THE IMPACTS OF PARKS ON PUBLIC HEALTH. THE STUDY
6 HIGHLIGHTED SOCIOECONOMIC AND RACIAL AND ETHNIC INEQUALITIES
7 IN ACCESS TO PARKS, AND THE STUDY SUGGESTED THAT PRIORITIZING
8 RESOURCES FOR PARKS IN POOR PARK COMMUNITIES COULD HELP REDUCE
9 HEALTH DISPARITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE STUDIES CONFIRM
10 WHAT WE ALREADY KNEW, PARKS MAKE A BETTER LIFE. AND OUR PARK
11 POOR COMMUNITIES DESERVE THE SAME ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY
12 NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AS ANYONE ELSE. AND THAT'S WHAT THE L.A.
13 TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD SAID LATE LAST WEEK WHEN THEY WROTE, AND
14 I QUOTE, "EVERY COUNTY RESIDENT OUGHT TO BE WALKING DISTANCE
15 FROM A DECENT, WELL-RESOURCED, AND WELL- MAINTAINED PARK,"
16 UNQUOTE. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO DRIVE OR TAKE A BUS TO ENJOY
17 FRESH AIR AND A PARK. THE PROMISE OF EQUITY WAS FOUNDATIONAL
18 TO ALL THE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMUNITY MEETINGS, ALL THE
19 COMMUNICATIONS TO VOTERS DURING THE MEASURE A CAMPAIGN, AND
20 SUPPORTED THE BEGINNINGS OF THE DRAFT DOCUMENT THAT SITS
21 BEFORE US TODAY. THE POLICIES IN THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AN
22 MANUAL CREATES THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR
23 MEASURE A. AND THAT'S WHY THE ACTION TODAY IS SO IMPORTANT.
24 THE DOCUMENT MUST LIVE UP TO THE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF THE
25 VOTERS. THAT'S OUR DUTY AS PUBLIC SERVANTS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE

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1 POLICIES AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL, AS IT STANDS, DOES
2 NOT FULLY UPHOLD THE PROMISE OF EQUITY AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED.
3 ONLY 24 PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES WILL BE DIRECTED TO HIGH
4 AND VERY HIGH NEEDS STUDY AREAS, WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 45 PERCENT
5 OF THE COUNTY'S STUDY AREAS, AS WELL AS AN OVERWHELMING
6 MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY'S LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. THIS
7 WAS NOT THE PROMISE MADE WHEN I SPEARHEADED THE PARKS NEEDS
8 ASSESSMENT, WHEN I AUTHORED MEASURE A, AND WHEN THE BOARD
9 APPROVED MEASURE A FOR THE BALLOT, WHEN VOTERS HEARD ARGUMENTS
10 IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A, OR WHEN THEY PASSED MEASURE A, WITH
11 NEARLY 74 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO
12 ENSURE THAT THIS PROMISE OF EQUITY, ESPECIALLY FOR LOW INCOME
13 AND POOR PARK NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES WILL NOT BE LOST
14 IN THIS DOCUMENT TODAY. IN 2014, A STUDY BY U.C.L.A. INSTITUTE
15 OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY FOUND THAT FUNDING PROGRAMS
16 MUST HAVE CLEAR AND SPECIFIC CRITERIA TO ENSURE THAT FUNDING
17 REACHES POOR PARK AREAS. AMBIGUOUS AND CONFUSING LANGUAGE AND
18 POLICIES FAR TOO OFTEN MEANS THAT FUNDS FAIL TO REACH THOSE IT
19 WAS INTENDED, POOR PARK NEIGHBORHOODS. WE MUST NOT FALL INTO
20 THIS TRAP TODAY. AND THAT'S WHY I'VE IDENTIFIED FOUR KEY AREAS
21 IN THE DRAFT POLICIES AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL THAT
22 MUST BE AMENDED IN ORDER TO FULLY DELIVER THE PROMISE OF
23 EQUITY FOR ALL OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN
24 THE FOLLOWING AMENDING MOTION. AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO MENTION
25 THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS AGREED TO COAUTHOR THIS

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1 MOTION. AND I'D LIKE TO READ IT AS FOLLOWS, WE THEREFORE MOVE
2 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALSO ACTING AS THE BOARD OF
3 DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN
4 SPACE DISTRICT AMEND THE BOARD'S REPORT S-1 AND 1-P AND ANY
5 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE DRAFT GRANTS ADMINISTRATION
6 MANUALS AS FOLLOWS: 1, LOS ANGELES COUNTY-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE
7 PARKS AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT MAINTENANCE POLICY SECTION 1.3 BE
8 AMENDED TO IDENTIFY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
9 RECREATION AS THE LEAD AGENCY IN THE OVERSIGHT, MANAGEMENT,
10 AND UPDATES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE PARKS
11 AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT WITH THE SUPPORT AND
12 COOPERATION OF THE REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. 2,
13 THAT THE REGIONAL RECREATION, BEACHES, RURAL AREAS AND OPEN
14 SPACE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE COMPLETED IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND
15 2021. THEN IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND YEARS THEREAFTER, A
16 UNIFIED LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION
17 NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE COMBINING BOTH ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE
18 COMPLETED AND LED BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
19 RECREATION. ALL REFERENCES AND UPDATES RELATED TO ANY NEEDS
20 ASSESSMENT AND ACCOMPANYING MAPS NECESSARY FOR MEASURE A
21 IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REFLECT ABOVE CHANGE. 3,
22 AMEND THE TARGETING FUNDS SECTION 1.8 TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDS
23 DESIGNATED FOR HIGH AND/OR VERY HIGH NEED AREA PROJECTS ARE
24 DESIGNATED FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE STRICTLY LOCATED IN HIGH OR
25 VERY HIGH NEED STUDY AREAS AND SPECIFIED AT A MINIMUM OR FLOOR

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1 OF 30 PERCENT. FURTHERMORE, DELETE ANY REFERENCES THAT
2 DECREASE THE MINIMUM 30 PERCENT. NUMBER 4, REQUEST THE
3 REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO REPORT BACK TO THE
4 BOARD ON A QUARTERLY BASIS ON THEIR OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL
5 ASSISTANCE EFFORTS. I WOULD ASK, MADAM CHAIR, THAT THESE --
6 THAT THIS MOTION BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED AFTER THE PUBLIC SPEAKS AND THE
9 MEMBERS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF
12 WITH MANY OF THE REMARKS MADE MY ORIGINAL AUTHOR. AND I WAS
13 THE COAUTHOR OF THE PARKS MEASURE TO BEGIN WITH AND VERY, VERY
14 HAPPY TO DO IT. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DISCUSSED IN
15 WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS WAS THE DIFFERENCE, REALLY, IN OUR
16 DISTRICTS AND HOW, IN DEVELOPING THE PARKS MEASURE, WE WANTED
17 TO REFLECT ALL OF THE WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE ENJOY THEIR LOCAL
18 PARKS BUT ALSO THE AREAS THAT WE SHARE IN COMMON, THE LARGER
19 AREAS. I GREW UP PRETTY NEAR THE COLISEUM, A LITTLE HOUSE ON
20 NORMANDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. AND WE HAD A PARK AROUND A
21 LIBRARY. THAT WAS OUR LOCAL PARK, VERMONT SQUARE. AND IT WAS
22 WONDERFUL. BUT WE STILL WENT TO THE BEACH. WE WENT TO THE
23 BEACH MAYBE EVERY OTHER WEEKEND. AND IT'S ONE THING TO SAY
24 IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY FRESH AIR IN YOUR PARK, BUT
25 LET ME SAY PROBABLY 75 PERCENT OF US CAN'T ANYMORE IN OUR

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1 NEIGHBORHOODS. SO THERE IS STILL THAT ASPECT OF THE LARGER
2 WORLD OR, AS MY DAD SAID, SOMETHING GREATER THAN YOURSELF WHEN
3 I FIRST SAW THE OCEAN. THE BUS THAT TOOK US FROM NORMANDY
4 AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UP TO THE MOUNTAINS, THAT SEEMED TO
5 GO FOREVER. I FOUND OUT LATER WE WERE STILL IN THE SAN
6 FERNANDO VALLEY, BUT I'D NEVER BEEN THERE. AND IT SEEMED VERY
7 FAR AWAY. AND I'D NEVER SEEN A PINE TREE THAT TALL OR THAT
8 MANY PINE TREES. SO I SUPPORT VERY STRONGLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF
9 THIS MANUAL AND THE WORK AND THANK THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR
10 THEIR WORK. I WANT TO SAY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE THIRD
11 DISTRICT AND ABOUT THE AMENDMENTS TO CATEGORY 3 AND CATEGORY
12 4. WE CAN SEE THAT ALL OF THE DISTRICTS HAVE VERY HIGH AND
13 HIGH NEED AREAS AND MODERATE AND THEN SOME WHO ARE LOW NEED.
14 MINE IS THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE. AND IT SHOWS THAT, IN THE THIRD
15 DISTRICT, SURPRISINGLY I THINK TO MANY, MORE THAN HALF OF MY
16 COMMUNITIES ARE VERY HIGH OR HIGH NEED, MEANING THEY ARE PARK
17 POOR AND NOWHERE TO REALLY GO. AND SO PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL,
18 PEOPLE IN SYLMAR, THOSE IN THE EAST VALLEY, THOSE IN HOLLYWOOD
19 AND EAST HOLLYWOOD, ALL OF THOSE FOLKS IN THESE AREAS REALLY
20 SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF THESE VERY STRONG -- OF THIS MANUAL.
21 BUT IN TALKING ABOUT THE THIRD DISTRICT, IT'S INTERESTING WHEN
22 WE HAVE 2 MILLION CONSTITUENTS HOW DIFFERENT THEIR LIVES ARE
23 KIND OF FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER OF MOST OF OUR DISTRICTS.
24 BECAUSE MY GOOD FRIENDS IN PACOIMA ARE VERY STRONGLY IN NEED
25 OF MORE AND MORE LOCAL OPEN AND PARK SPACE, MY FRIENDS IN

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1 TOPANGA WERE THOUGHT NOT TO. INDEED, ALL OF THOSE IN THE SANTA
2 MONICA MOUNTAINS, WHICH I'M PRIVILEGED TO REPRESENT, WERE
3 THOUGHT TO HAVE LOW NEED BECAUSE, OH MY GOODNESS, THERE'S A
4 PARK RIGHT OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR, NOT JUST A PARK, BUT A FOREST.
5 AND SO LOW NEED IN THAT AREA. BUT I WANT TO SAY A FEW THINGS
6 ABOUT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THOSE FOLKS. FIRST OF
7 ALL, TO MY CONSTITUENTS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, I
8 REALLY DON'T THINK THAT YOUR URBAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS
9 APPRECIATE YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF THE OPEN AREAS THAT MUST BE
10 PRESERVED OR ELSE LIKE JONI MITCHELL SANG, WE'LL ALL HAVE TO
11 GO SEE OUR TREES IN A TREE MUSEUM. IT IS THE OPEN SPACE ASPECT
12 THAT ALLOWS US TO GET OUT OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS IF WE CAN AND
13 ENJOY IT. IT SHOULDN'T TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY LOCAL PARKS.
14 AND INDEED IT DOESN'T. AND THE ORIGINAL ALLOCATION, MORE THAN
15 HALF THE MONEY WENT FOR LOCAL PARKS. IN CATEGORY 3, WHICH IS
16 ABOUT NATURAL LANDS, LOCAL BEACHES, WATER CONSERVATION AND
17 PROTECTION, ALLOCATING 30 PERCENT TO VERY HIGH AND HIGH NEED
18 AREAS IN THAT IN THE COMPETITIVE GRANT ARENA WOULD TAKE ABOUT
19 A MILLION DOLLAR IN THAT AREA, BUT IT STILL MUST BE, IN ITS
20 APPLICATIONS NATURAL LANDS, LOCAL BEACHES, WATER CONSERVATION
21 OR PROTECTION. NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN THE CRITERIA, I WANT TO
22 SAY TO BOTH ENDS OF MY DISTRICT, IN CATEGORY 3 AND THE SAME IS
23 TRUE FOR CATEGORY 4 TO WHICH 30 PERCENT OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS
24 ARE ALSO BEING HELD FOR VERY HIGH NEED AND HIGH NEED AREAS.
25 CATEGORY 4 IS REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES, MULTI-USE

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1 TRAILS, AND ACCESSIBILITY. SO I WANT TO SAY TO MY CONSTITUENTS
2 IN THE VERY HIGH NEED AREAS, WE WANT TO BE THERE TO HELP YOU
3 GET THIS MONEY TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED AND HELP YOU DEVELOP
4 THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU APPROACH NATURAL LANDS, LOCAL BEACHES,
5 WATER CONSERVATION, ETC. AND TO MY CONSTITUENTS IN THE LOW
6 NEED AREAS, I ALSO WANT TO BE THERE TO HELP YOU. 70 PERCENT IS
7 STILL COMPETITIVE FOR YOU. AND WHEN YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT
8 MULTI-USE TRAILS, OR YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT REGIONAL
9 RECREATION FACILITIES OR NATURAL LANDS OR LOCAL BEACHES, THERE
10 ARE A LOT IN THAT END. BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY TO EVERYONE WHO
11 IS NOT A RESIDENT IN THE WESTERN END OF THE THIRD IS THAT,
12 ALTHOUGH IT USED TO BE THAT WE WERE THOUGHT TO BE LOW NEED
13 BECAUSE WE HAD ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL FORESTS AND CHAPARRAL
14 AROUND THE AREA, WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS ASHES AND MUD. SO WHEN WE
15 DO AN ASSESSMENT ABOUT A NEED FOR OUR ABILITY TO ACCESS PLACES
16 THAT WE CAN GO, I HOPE THAT WE WILL ALSO REMEMBER THAT THESE
17 STEWARDS OF THE MOUNTAINS ARE THEMSELVES SUFFERING. THEY LOST
18 THE MOUNTAINS, AND THEY LOST THEIR HOUSES. AND I AM SUPPORTING
19 THIS MATTER TODAY BECAUSE I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS HAVING
20 GROWN UP IN JUST THE KIND OF NEIGHBORHOOD THAT HILDA'S TALKING
21 ABOUT, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE ACCESS TO BE ABLE TO GO TO
22 THESE PARKS, TO BE ABLE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE CAN, AND OUR
23 KIDS CAN. BUT I ALSO ASK YOU ALL TO REMEMBER THE REST OF US
24 WHO ARE TRYING TO KEEP THE BEACHES THERE FOR US, SO MILLIONS
25 OF FOLKS GO THERE EACH YEAR, TRYING TO KEEP THESE MOUNTAINS

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1 OPEN FOR US BECAUSE WHEN THE KIDS FIRST COME OFF THAT BUS, I
2 CAN TELL YOU YOU FEEL AWE ABOUT NATURE AND SO MUCH TO LEARN.
3 WE EVEN SAW A WATERFALL, A WATERFALL IN L.A. AND I WANT TO
4 THANK, AGAIN, EVERYONE THAT DID THE WORK ON THIS. AND SIMPLY
5 TO REASSURE EVERYONE IN MY DISTRICT AND EVERYONE'S DISTRICT,
6 BUT MINE FROM PACOIMA TO TOPANGA, THAT WE WILL BE WITH YOU IN
7 HELPING. AND I KNOW THAT OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL, AS WELL
8 BECAUSE WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THE MONEY THAT
9 THE VOTERS THOUGHT WAS GOING IN THESE VARIOUS POTS SO THAT
10 THEY'RE THE BEST USED THAT THEY POSSIBLY CAN BE. THANK YOU,
11 MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
17 COLLEAGUES. LET ME BEGIN BY THANKING THE STEERING COMMITTEE
18 AND ALL OF ITS MEMBERS AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO
19 PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCESS. I THINK IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
20 TODAY ESSENTIALLY MARKS THE CULMINATION OF A FIVE-YEAR EFFORT
21 TO CREATE A PARK INVESTMENT PROGRAM THAT IS REGIONAL, THAT IS
22 RATIONAL, AND THAT IS EQUITABLE. IT WAS IN NOVEMBER OF 2014
23 THAT A MEASURE KNOWN AS PROP P FAILED. AND IT WAS EVIDENT THAT
24 WE NEEDED TO PROVE THE NEED IF WE WANTED TO GET THE SUPPORT OF
25 TAXPAYERS. MEASURE A WAS THE ANSWER. IT DID WHAT PROP P DIDN'T

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1 DO. IT WAS MORE DELIBERATE. IT LAUNCHED WITH THE FIRST-EVER
2 COUNTY-WIDE PARKS AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT. THIS BOARD AND ITS
3 PREDECESSOR BOARD SAW THAT THROUGH. AND HERE WE ARE. WE HAVE
4 AN ASSESSMENT THAT WAS INCLUDED, A METRIC-BASED ANALYSIS ON
5 PARK ACCESS AND NEED. ALL OF THAT SEEMS TO ME TO HAVE BEEN
6 FUNDAMENTALLY NECESSARY TO GET US TO THIS POINT. AND IT
7 AUTHENTICALLY ENGAGED COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY LIKE NEVER
8 BEFORE, COMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY, NEIGHBORHOOD BY NEIGHBORHOOD.
9 AND THAT INPUT WAS SOLICITED. THAT CHAPTER, THAT VERSE CANNOT
10 BE OVERLOOKED OR MISUNDERSTOOD BECAUSE, IN MANY RESPECTS, IT
11 SET AN EXAMPLE FOR WHAT CAN HAPPEN IN OTHER COMMUNITIES ACROSS
12 THE STATE AND BEYOND. AND SO THE STAKEHOLDERS DESERVE A LOT OF
13 ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR HOW THEY HELPED US TO GET TO WHERE WE ARE.
14 MEASURE A, THEN, PROVIDES A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO FILL GAPS IN
15 OUR NETWORK. AND THE GAPS ARE INDEED SIGNIFICANT. WE'VE SEEN
16 VISUALS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THAT. WE HAVE DATA GALORE. WE
17 KNOW THROUGH OUR OWN LIVED EXPERIENCE WHAT THIS MEANS. AND
18 THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THIS REGION BOASTS INCREDIBLE
19 RECREATIONAL ASSETS FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE BEACHES. HARDLY
20 ANY PLACE ON THE PLANET LIKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BUT THERE IS
21 NO REPLACEMENT FOR MAKING SURE THAT EVERY FAMILY HAS ACCESS TO
22 SAFE, WELL-APPOINTED PARKS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VENUES
23 WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. AND THAT'S THE GENIUS.
24 THAT'S THE HOPE. THAT'S THE DRIVE BEHIND MEASURE A. THAT'S NOT
25 THE CASE RIGHT NOW, BUT IF WE PUSH FORWARD AS IS INTENDED, IT

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1 WILL BE THE CASE. AND SO OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE COMMUNITIES
2 STUDIED IN THE ASSESSMENT WERE FOUND TO HAVE HIGH OR VERY HIGH
3 PARK NEEDS. AND I FIND THAT TO BE COMPLETELY CHALLENGING. TO
4 THE EXTENT THAT WE KNOW THAT, WE CAN'T DENY THAT. WE'VE GOT TO
5 BE ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF CORRECTING THAT. AND SO, I'M
6 DELIGHTED TO HAVE COAUTHORED THIS MOTION WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS
7 TO PROVIDE NECESSARY TWEAKS, IF YOU WILL, TO THE GUIDELINES TO
8 PROVIDE MORE CLARITY IN OUR COMMITMENT TO HIGH AND VERY HIGH
9 NEED AREAS. IT ALSO EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR OUTREACH
10 AND OUR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THOSE THINGS ARE VERY,
11 VERY NECESSARY. PARK POOR COMMUNITIES OFTEN DON'T HAVE THE
12 RESOURCES TO INVEST IN ALL OF THE PRE AND POST DEVELOPMENT
13 WORK REQUIRED, SO WE MUST TAKE A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO
14 SUPPORTING THOSE COMMUNITIES IF WE WANT TO TURN THE SEA OF RED
15 TO GREEN. THIS IS AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIVE EFFORT. IT'S
16 INCLUSIVE. IT'S COLLABORATIVE. IT'S NECESSARY. AND WHILE IT IS
17 NOT EXPLICIT IN THE MOTION, I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT'S
18 IMPORTANT THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN
19 SPACE DISTRICT COMPLETE AN EVALUATION ONCE WE ARE A COUPLE OF
20 CYCLES INTO THE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSESS THE IMPACT
21 OF THE LEVEL OF NEEDS SCORING CRITERION AND TO REPORT BACK TO
22 THE BOARD ON THIS, SO WE ARE ALL AWARE OF WHETHER THIS PROGRAM
23 IS WORKING AS EXPECTED. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT'S
24 FUNDAMENTALLY APPROPRIATE. IN OTHER WORDS, THAT WHICH WE DO
25 TODAY, WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO REVIEW TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL

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1 FIVE DISTRICTS ARE GETTING WHAT WAS INTENDED AND THAT WHICH WE
2 PRESUMABLY WILL ADOPT TODAY. THAT'S JUST FUNDAMENTALLY
3 IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIALLY FAIR. I KNOW THIS TEAM IS UP TO THE
4 TASK. I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
5 AND THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR LEADING ON THIS. I WANT TO
6 ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR
7 PUTTING ITS SEAL OF APPROVAL ON IT AND MAKING SURE THAT IT'S
8 NOT ONLY FUN BUT THAT IT'S HEALTHY. AND PARKS DO, AS WE ALL
9 UNDERSTAND, MAKE LIVES BETTER. AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR US TO
10 ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES, GET TO WORK, RUN A LITTLE BIT. HOP A
11 LITTLE BIT. SKIP A LITTLE BIT. SWIM A LITTLE BIT.

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13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LORD HAVE MERCY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND MAKE THESE PARKS ALL OF WHAT THEY CAN
16 BE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DELIGHTED TO BE IN SUPPORT OF THIS
17 EFFORT. [APPLAUSE] > SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NOW, LET'S
18 REMEMBER. REMEMBER.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WAS ME TALKING.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I HEARD THAT. I KNOW. I ALMOST WANTED TO
23 GIVE THEM A PASS BECAUSE I WANTED TO APPLAUD YOUR REMARKS,
24 TOO. BEFORE WE CALL PUBLIC SPEAKERS, OF COURSE, LET ME JUST
25 ADD MY BIT OF REMARKS TO WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE TODAY AND THANK

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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, ORIGINAL AUTHORS ON
2 MEASURE A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN HELPING TO GET IT
3 PASSED. AND AS YOU SAID IN YOUR OPENING REMARKS, WHAT WE'RE
4 DOING TODAY IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT MOMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF
5 LOS ANGELES. AN IMPORTANT MOMENT. WE CONVINCED THE VOTERS IN
6 L.A. COUNTY THAT THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT THING TO SPEND MONEY
7 ON. BUT THE VOTERS ALSO INSISTED ON A WORKING GROUP THAT WOULD
8 TAKE A LOOK AT HOW WE ACTUALLY WILL SPEND THESE DOLLARS. AND
9 I, TOO, WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART TO
10 THIS WORKING GROUP. TO THINK THERE WERE 48 MEMBERS. I CAN'T
11 BELIEVE YOU CAME UP WITH ONE RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU AGREED
12 ON. BUT 48 MEMBERS WHO SPENT 18 MONTHS REALLY GOING OVER THE
13 BALLOT MEASURE, GOING OVER THE INTENTION OF WHAT THIS MEANS TO
14 SPEND MONEY IN ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES FOR
15 PARKS. AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE AND GIVE A
16 SHOUT OUT TO MY APPOINTEES ON THIS STEERING COMMITTEE DELIA
17 MORALES, LING ISINAGA, MICHAEL HUGHES, HUGO INSINCO, MARK
18 BOGDUM. I WANTED TO THANK OUR REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR GATEWAYS
19 COUNCIL GOVERNMENT, GREG ALLANIS, OF OUR SOUTH BAY CITIES
20 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND JOHN JONES. AND YOU'LL FIND IT
21 INTERESTING BECAUSE MANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE COMING TO SPEAK
22 TODAY. EVEN SOME OF MY APPOINTEES, I THINK, WEREN'T ULTIMATELY
23 HAPPY AT SOME OF THE END RESULTS. SO IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO
24 HEAR FROM EVERYBODY. BUT I THINK THAT'S WHAT COMPROMISES ARE
25 ALL ABOUT. EVERYBODY GIVES. EVERYBODY TAKES. AND YOU COME UP

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1 WITH SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN HAVE THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE
2 RESPOND TO. AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE WE ARE TODAY IS ACCEPTING
3 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS. I SUPPORT THAT, AS WELL, AS IT MORE CLEARLY
5 DEFINES WHAT WE'RE DOING. YOU KNOW, MY DAD, WHO WAS A STEWARD
6 OF THE GREAT SECOND DISTRICT FOR 40 YEARS, SPENT A LOT OF HIS
7 POLITICAL CAPITAL BRINGING PARKS, SWIMMING POOLS, RECREATIONAL
8 OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE WHO LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND I
9 THINK OF THE THINGS THAT HE WAS MOST PROUD OF, HE LOVED THE
10 REGIONAL PARK, WHICH LATER HAS BORNE HIS NAME, THE KENNETH
11 HAHN STATE REGIONAL PARK IN THE BALDWIN HILLS AREA. AND HE
12 BELIEVED, AND I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT WHILE
13 EVERYONE CAN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OUR MOUNTAINS AND TO
14 SEE OUR BEACHES AND HAVE MORE ACCESS TO THAT, HE LOVED THE
15 IDEA THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR, THAT YOU COULD
16 ACTUALLY ENJOY A PARK CLOSE BY THAT HAD LAKES. IT HAD HIKING
17 TRAILS. IT HAD SO MUCH STREAMS, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, FISHING.
18 HE LOVED NOTHING MORE THAN TO DRIVE THROUGH THAT PARK ON A
19 WEEKEND AND SEE FAMILIES PICNICKING, FISHING, HIKING RIGHT
20 THERE IN BALDWIN HILLS. AND I THINK THAT'S THE INTENT OF WHAT
21 WE'RE DOING TODAY IS TO, WHILE WE PRESERVE THE OPPORTUNITIES
22 FOR ALL SORTS OF NATURE LOVERS TO EXPLORE EVERYTHING THAT WE
23 HAVE TO OFFER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CAN BRING RESOURCES
24 RIGHT TO FOLKS' NEIGHBORHOODS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES WITHIN
25 WALKING DISTANCE. I THINK THAT'S A NOBLE GOAL. AND I, AGAIN,

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1 REALLY WANT TO THANK THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR YOUR WORK ON
2 THIS. YOU SPENT A LONG TIME DOING THIS. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR
3 VOLUNTEER WORK ON GETTING US TODAY TO A SET OF CRITERIA,
4 FORMULAS, PERCENTAGES, AS WE MOVE FORWARD. AND I DO WANT TO
5 SAY THAT WE DO NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF THOSE COMMUNITIES
6 THAT HAVE HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEEDS AS THE RESULT OF OUR STUDY
7 AREAS. AND THEY NEED TO MAKE UP A LOT OF GROUND WHEN IT COMES
8 TO THE EQUITY CONVERSATION. SO THIS 30 PERCENT TARGETED FUNDS
9 I THINK IS A BIG, IMPORTANT PIECE OF MEASURE A TODAY. SO THANK
10 YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. WE HAVE, COLLEAGUES, OVER 100 PEOPLE
11 WHO HAVE COME TO SIGN UP AND TALK TO US ABOUT THIS TODAY. WE
12 WILL BE GIVING ONE MINUTE A PIECE. SO MAKE SURE WHEN YOU ALL
13 COME UP HERE, YOU HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS ORGANIZED. AND ALSO, MAY
14 I SAY WE'LL MOVE QUICKLY AND MORE SMOOTHLY IF WE REFRAIN FROM
15 APPLAUSE OR ANY OTHER DISTRACTIONS FROM OUR LOVELY AUDIENCE
16 TODAY. SO THANK YOU. WITH THAT, LET'S CALL UP THE FIRST NUMBER
17 OF SPEAKERS.

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19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
20 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.
21 MANAL ABOELATA, CELIA CONTRERAS. HUGO LUJAN, HILDA GAYTAN,
22 FELIPE ESCOBAR, ELIZABETH QUIROZ, DAMON NAGAMI, YVETTE LOPEZ
23 LEDESMA, JOHN KIM, AND JON CHRITENSEN. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELCOME.

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2 **MANAL ABEOLATA:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE
3 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MANAL ABOELATA. I'M DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
4 PREVENTION INSTITUTE. I'M SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S APPOINTEE
5 TO THE COMMUNITY PREVENTION AND POPULATION HEALTH TASKFORCE.
6 AND I ALSO SERVED ON THE MEASURE A IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINE
7 STEERING COMMITTEE. WHILE I DO BELIEVE THAT WE MADE SOME VERY
8 IMPORTANT PROGRESS, I'D LIKE TO ELEVATE THREE BIG PICTURE
9 OPPORTUNITIES THAT I FEEL STILL REMAIN AND REQUIRE YOUR
10 ONGOING VISIONARY LEADERSHIP. FIRST, THE VOTERS OF THIS COUNTY
11 VOTED ON A MEASURE THAT WOULD PROMOTE YOUTH SAFETY AND REDUCE
12 GANG VIOLENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. I DO NOT FEEL LIKE THE
13 STEERING COMMITTEE ADEQUATELY INTEGRATED THE COUNTY'S BEST
14 PRACTICES ON LINKING PARK EQUITY AND GANG REDUCTION INTO THE
15 GUIDELINES. AND WITH THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMING
16 ONLINE, I THINK IT'S TIME THAT WE LOOK AT HOW WE CAN LEVERAGE
17 MEASURE A AND MEASURE B DOLLARS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER TO CREATE
18 SAFETY IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE WORK.
19 SECOND, THE COUNTY IS SET TO ADOPT A SUSTAINABILITY PLAN. WE
20 NEED TO REDUCE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED. AND PARKS CAN HELP US
21 DO THAT. I WANT TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR SUPPORTING REGIONAL
22 EQUITY AND AS EVER PREVENTION INSTITUTE STANDS READY TO
23 SUPPORT YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY MATERIAL YOU WANT TO
2 TURN IN, WE'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE THAT. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

3

4 **JON CHRISTENSEN:** I'M JON CHRISTENSEN. I TEACH AND DO RESEARCH
5 AT U.C.L.A. ON EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING, ACCESS TO
6 PARKS AND PARK RELATED ANTI-DISPLACEMENT STRATEGIES. I'VE
7 STUDIED DOZENS OF PARK FUNDING MEASURES AROUND THE COUNTRY.
8 THIS ONE IS AMONG THE MOST ADVANCED AND IN MANY WAYS THE BEST
9 IN THE NATION IN TERMS OF USING A RIGOROUS, DATA DRIVEN NEEDS
10 ASSESSMENT THAT HAS CARRIED THROUGH THE FUNDING MEASURE TO
11 PRIORITIZE AREAS OF HIGHEST NEED WHICH VOTERS APPROVED AND
12 INTO AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. IMPLEMENTATION IS THE HARD PART.
13 THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT THIS PLAN PRIORITIZE THE
14 SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITIES THAT NEED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND
15 SPECIFICALLY TARGETS FUNDING FOR THOSE COMMUNITIES AS AMENDED.
16 SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION ALSO REQUIRES MEASUREMENT,
17 EVALUATION, AND LEARNING. BUT TO DO THAT, YOU NEED A
18 CONSISTENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND METHODOLOGY. LET'S NOT
19 FRAGMENT IT NOW BY KEEPING BEACHES AND OPEN SPACE SEPARATE
20 FROM PARKS. FINALLY, THIS PLAN THOUGHTFULLY ADDRESSES CONCERNS
21 THAT CREATING AND IMPROVING PARKS IN AREAS OF HIGH NEED WILL
22 CONTRIBUTE TO DISPLACING THE VERY COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE THAT
23 PARKS WERE MEANT TO BENEFIT. IT REPRESENTS THE MOST ADVANCED
24 CAREFUL APPROACH TO THIS CHALLENGE OF ANY WE HAVE SEEN. I'D

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1 LIKE TO LEAVE A LONGER ONE AND ALSO THE RESEARCH REPORT THAT
2 YOU REFERRED TO EARLIER.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **CELIA CONTRERAS:** HI, MY NAME IS CELIA CONTRERAS. I'M A
7 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AT PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL. I GREW UP IN
8 PACOIMA. AND AS AN ORGANIZER MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY, I AM
9 DEEPLY INVESTED IN WORKING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
10 MY NEIGHBORS. FOR YEARS, RESIDENTS OF PACOIMA HAVE BEEN
11 OVERBURDENED BY ENVIRONMENTAL SETBACKS AND LITTLE ACCESS TO
12 GREEN SPACE. WE ARE HERE TO ENSURE THAT THESE FUNDS PROVIDE
13 ACCESS TO MORE GREEN SPACES THAT WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF
14 LIFE FOR MY NEIGHBORS. HAVING 30 PERCENT OF TARGETED FUNDS
15 DESIGNATED FOR PROJECTS IN HIGH NEED AREAS FROM CATEGORIES 3
16 AND 4 OF THE COMPETITIVE FUND PROGRAMS SHOULD BE THE ABSOLUTE
17 MINIMUM. AND THE PERCENTAGE SHOULD BE INCREASED IN FUTURE
18 BASED ON THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR
19 PROJECTS LOCATED IN HIGH NEED AREAS LIKE PACOIMA AND EACH
20 COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING CYCLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT
21 TO PARK EQUITY.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **DAMON NAGAMI:** GOOD MORNING, DAMON NAGAMI, NATURAL RESOURCES
2 DEFENSE COUNCIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY FAST MOVING. I'M STILL
3 PROCESSING. BUT WE WANT TO SUPPORT THE CONTENT OF THE
4 ADMINISTRATION MANUAL AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION.
5 WE WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS, THE COUNTY PARKS, D.P.H.,
6 AND THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY
7 ESPECIALLY TARGETING FUNDS FOR THE HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED
8 AREAS AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS EMPHASIS ON THOSE
9 AREAS. LACK OF ACCESS TO SAFE HEALTHY GREEN SPACES IS AN
10 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUE BECAUSE MOST PARK POOR COMMUNITIES
11 ARE LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. ACCESS TO NEIGHBORHOOD
12 PARKS HELPS PEOPLE DEVELOP A CONNECTION TO NATURE WHICH
13 ENCOURAGES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP. THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE
14 WORK TO BE DONE TO ENSURE EQUITABLE PARK ACCESS TO ALL
15 ANGELENOS. THIS IS A GREAT START. TO THE EXTENT CONCERNS
16 REMAIN AROUND THE GRANT GUIDELINES, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO
17 CONTINUE TO ENGAGE WITH PARK EQUITY ADVOCATES, MANY OF WHOM
18 YOU SEE HERE TODAY. THERE'S BEEN GREAT COLLABORATION ON THIS
19 ISSUE, AND WE HOPE THAT SPIRIT WILL CONTINUE. AND OUR D.C. IS
20 COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING YOU IN THIS PORK. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23
24 **HILDA GAYTAN:** MY NAME IS HILDA GAYTAN. I LIVE IN THE FOURTH
25 DISTRICT IN A HIGH NEED AREA. I ACCEPT THE FACT THAT ME AND MY

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1 GRANDDAUGHTER HAVE A LOWER LIFE EXPECTANCY, A LARGE CHANCE TO
2 GET ASTHMA. BUT I DO NOT ACCEPT THE FACT THAT WE CANNOT DO
3 ANYTHING ABOUT IT. AND I AM REALLY ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT THE
4 30 PERCENT AND TO DO SOMETHING, NOT FOR ME, I'M A LITTLE BIT
5 TOO OLD, BUT FOR MY GRANDDAUGHTER. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU,
6 SUPERVISORS, FOR THE COMMITMENT ABOUT EQUITY. AND I'M SORRY.
7 BUT YES, WE LIVE IN AN AREA, I BELIEVE THAT MS. HAHN KNOWS THE
8 AREA, NOT LONG BEACH. AND WE LOVE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO ENJOY
11 A PARK. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **YVETTE LOPEZ LADESMA:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY
14 NAME IS YVETTE LOPEZ LADESMA AND I'M WITH THE WILDERNESS
15 SOCIETY, ONE OF THIS COUNTRY'S OLDEST AND LEADING CONSERVATION
16 ORGANIZATIONS AND ALSO A RESIDENT OF S.D.3. I'M REALLY PROUD
17 TO BE HERE TODAY WITH OUR PARTNERS FROM THE PARK EQUITY
18 ALLIANCE. CAN YOU PLEASE STAND IF YOU'RE HERE WITH THE PARK
19 EQUITY ALLIANCE? AND I ALSO WANT TO ADD TWO NAMES TO THE
20 LETTER THAT WE JUST GOT SOME SIGN-ONS BECAUSE THE SUPPORT
21 DOESN'T STOP, ALCOHOL JUSTICE AND EASTYARD COMMUNITIES FOR
22 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. WE WOULD FIRST OF ALL LIKE TO THANK YOU
23 AND YOUR STAFF, INCLUDING S.D.5 STAFF, FOR BEING SO ATTENTIVE
24 AND RESPONSIVE TO OUR PARK EQUITY ALLIANCE, OUR CALLS AND OUR
25 EMAILS. WE SHOW UP PASSIONATELY BECAUSE WE CARE. WE KNOW THAT

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1 SHOWING UP AS A COMMUNITY IS HOW WE WILL COLLECTIVELY BEND THE
2 SYSTEMS TOWARD JUSTICE. THIS ENTIRE PROCESS, FROM THE PARKS
3 NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO NOW, HAS BEEN AN EXERCISE IN CREATING A
4 MODEL OF INCLUSIVE POLICY MAKING. AND WE SHOWED UP IN THE
5 VERY BEGINNING BECAUSE WHEN THE COUNTY CALLS, THE PARK EQUITY
6 ALLIANCE ANSWERS. HOWEVER, WE ALSO WANT TO SEE OUR COUNTY
7 PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS DEVELOPED FOR THE BETTER. SO PLEASE LOOK
8 TO US AS KNOWLEDGEABLE, PASSIONATE, POLICY WONKS, ADVOCATES,
9 ENVIRONMENTALISTS, AND TRUSTED L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WILLING
10 TO WORK TO DO RIGHT BY THE PEOPLE OUR ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

13

14 **FELIPE ESCOBAR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS FELIPE
15 ESCOBAR. THANK YOU, HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS FOR YOUR
16 COMMITMENT TO EQUITY. I'M HERE AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER FROM
17 PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL. PACIOMA BEAUTIFUL FOR MANY YEARS HAS BEEN
18 THE FOREFRONT FIGHTING FOR EQUITY. PACIOMA BEAUTIFUL HAS BEEN
19 FIGHTING WITH OUR PARTNERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY WITH THE PARK
20 EQUITY ALLIANCE INCLUDING C.B.E. AND E.Z.R.S., THESE HISTORIC
21 ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN LEADING THE WORK IN FIGHTING TO
22 MAKE SURE THAT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO PARKS. I
23 KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW HARD IT IS FOR OUR MEMBERS TO JUST GO
24 OUTSIDE AND ENJOY A GOOD QUALITY LIFE WITH CHILDREN. SOMETIMES
25 IT'S HARD EVEN TO TAKE A BUS TO THE BEACH. THAT'S SOMETHING

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1 THAT IS NOT REALISTIC FOR OUR MEMBERS, SO THAT'S WHY I'M HERE
2 WITH OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN PACOIMA AND NORTH SORRENTO
3 VALLEY FIGHTING FOR EQUITY. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
4 SUPPORTING OUR MOTION. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **JOHN KIM:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JOHN KIM, THE EXECUTIVE
9 DIRECTOR OF THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT CALIFORNIA. I THANK THE
10 BOARD FOR HAVING THIS MOTION TODAY. I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
11 FOR HER LEADERSHIP THROUGH AND THROUGH ON THIS ISSUE.
12 ADVANCEMENT PROJECT CALIFORNIA UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF, ANISHA
13 HINGORANI, STANDS HERE TODAY WITH OUR PARK EQUITY ALLIES TO
14 URGE BOLD ACTION FROM THIS BOARD. WE COMMEND THE BOARD FOR
15 PURSUING A DIFFICULT BUT MUCH NEEDED WORK, THE RECKONING WITH
16 THE PARKS EQUITY IN THIS AREA. WE URGE YOU TO SET THE 30
17 PERCENT FLOOR IN TARGETED FUNDS FOR PROJECTS LOCATED IN HIGH
18 NEED AREAS AND ENSURE THAT THESE PROJECTS RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM
19 POINTS UNDER THE LEVEL OF NEED CATEGORY. COMMUNITIES DON'T
20 JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE BEEN PARK POOR. THEY WERE DESIGNED TO BE
21 THAT WAY. AND THESE CONDITIONS ARE THE RESULT OF PAST BAD
22 DECISIONS AND POLICIES, LIKE PROPOSITION A. OUR RESEARCH FOUND
23 THAT ACROSS ALL OF YOUR DISTRICTS, PROP A SPENDING WAS TWO OR
24 THREE TIMES MORE IN LOW PARK AREAS THAN THEY WERE IN HIGH PARK
25 NEED AREAS. AND SO WE CANNOT LET MEASURE A REPEAT THOSE

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1 MISTAKES OF THE PAST. AGAIN, WE NEED BOLD ACTIONS TO GET RED
2 AREAS TO GREEN AREAS. THERE YOU GO.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH WAIT. BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, WE HAVE
5 MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CALL UP.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING
8 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD? ADRIANA GARCIA, ALEXANDRA
9 MARROQUIN, ALFONSO DIRECTO, ALFREDO COMACHO GONZALEZ, AMANDA
10 JIMENEZ, AMY LETHBRIDGE, ANDREA GORDON, ARNULFO CARRILLO,
11 BELINDA FAUSTINOS, CARLOS LEON, CARLOS MORAN, CARMEN GONZALEZ,
12 CATHERINE YANG, CINDY CASTANEDA, AND CLAIRE OKEKE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **HUGO LUJAN:** HI, MY NAME IS HUGO LUJAN. I'M A COMMUNITY
17 ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, ALSO A
18 RESIDENT OF EAST L.A. SO FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
19 YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. I THINK IT'S DEFINITELY AN
20 URGENT ISSUE FOR US. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH, AND I'LL PASS
21 THESE AROUND, WITH U.S.C.'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CENTER WHO
22 HAS BEEN HELPING US IN UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUE OF PARKS,
23 RIGHT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AS FOLKS WHO ARE GROWING UP IN THESE
24 NEIGHBORHOODS, IT'S MUCH BIGGER OF AN ISSUE THAN JUST ACCESS
25 TO GREEN SPACE. IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR HEALTH. IT HAS TO DO

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1 WITH OUR TEST SCORES. IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR COMMUNITIES ENDING
2 UP IN JAIL. SO IT'S A MUCH MORE COMPLEX ISSUE, RIGHT? AND SO
3 AND DEFINITELY GIVING YOU A HUGE THANK YOU IN UPLIFTING THESE
4 ISSUES THAT IT IS DEFINITELY A LOT MORE THAN PARKS. ALSO WANT
5 TO ADDRESS THAT IN THE FUTURE, ALSO BRING INTO THE
6 CONVERSATION THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT DISPLACEMENT. SO
7 UPLIFTING THE ISSUES OF INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES AND ENDING UP
8 OUR COMMUNITIES BEING PUSHED OUT. SO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
9 ARE ADDRESSING THAT IN THE CONVERSATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **ELIZABETH QUIROZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH QUIROZ.
14 AND I COME FROM BOYLE HEIGHTS. AND WE ARE HERE BECAUSE I LIVE
15 IN A COMMUNITY OF GREAT NEED. AND I AM HERE TO ASK FOR 30
16 PERCENT OF DESIGNATED FUNDS FOR PROJECTS LOCATED IN AREAS OF
17 GREAT NEED. AND THIS IS UNDER CATEGORY 3 AND 4. WE HAVE SO
18 MANY NEEDS, FENCING, SECURITY. CHILDREN AND ELDER PEOPLE DON'T
19 FEEL SAFE IN THAT AREA. ACTUALLY, WHAT WE NEED IS EQUITY. WE
20 DO NOT HAVE EQUITY. AND THE LACK OF EQUITY IS IMPACTING THESE
21 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE GREAT NEEDS. SO AS IT WAS MENTIONED
22 BEFORE, THERE ARE MANY DISEASES THAT WE ARE FACING RIGHT NOW.
23 PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING FROM STRESS, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES,
24 DIABETES, OBESITY. WE NEED EQUITY FOR THE COMMUNITY.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **ALEXANDRA MARROQUIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY
4 NAME IS ALEXANDRA MARROQUIN. I REPRESENT THE FRIENDLY CITY OF
5 EL MONTE AS DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY
6 SERVICES. EL MONTE IS A FAMILY ORIENTED COMMUNITY WITH LARGE
7 POPULATION CHILDREN AMONGST OVER 16,000 RESIDENTS. AS ONE OF
8 THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED CITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, OUR
9 COMMUNITY IS PARK POOR AND UNDER-SERVED BY PARKS AND
10 RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. EL MONTE HAS LESS THAN ONE HALF
11 ACRE OF PARK LAND PER 1,000 RESIDENTS WHICH IS WELL BELOW THE
12 REGIONAL AVERAGE OF 3.3 ACRES PER 1,000 RESIDENTS. THIS LACK
13 OF PARK SPACE CREATES A PUBLIC HEALTH CONSEQUENCES. THE
14 PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE IS A CRITICAL CONCERN FOR OUR CITY. A
15 CENTRAL PRINCIPLE OF EL MONTE'S VISION IS TO RESTORE AND
16 PRESERVE GREEN SPACE ALONG ITS RIVERS AND THROUGHOUT THE CITY,
17 TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE
18 COMMUNITY, PROMOTE CONNECTIONS WITH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS
19 FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES, AND FOSTER A BUILT ENVIRONMENT THAT
20 PROMOTES HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR EL MONTE RESIDENTS AND OUR
21 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THE CITY OF
22 EL MONTE SUPPORTS MEASURE A GUIDELINES THAT ARE EQUITABLE.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF ANY OF YOU HAVE EXTRA WRITTEN
25 TESTIMONY, WE'LL BE GLAD TO READ IT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **ANDREA GORDON:** MY NAME IS ANDREA GORDON. I LIVE IN TURNBULL
3 CANYON IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. AND THE WHITTIER HILLS IS OUR
4 NEIGHBORHOOD. PROPOSITION A, MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, BROUGHT
5 THAT TO THE PEOPLE AS A BEAUTIFUL OPEN SPACE LAND. FOR MORE
6 THAN 10 YEARS, THE PEOPLE IN OUR AREA HAVE FOUGHT A BATTLE
7 WITH THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY TO
8 CONTINUE TO PROTECT THAT. AND YOUR BOARD HAS BEEN EXTREMELY
9 INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING SURE THAT THAT LAND STAYED PROTECTED.
10 I'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT MEASURE A CONTINUES THAT EFFORT IN
11 THE FUTURE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT EXPOSED WHERE WE DO
12 OUR RECREATION IN AREAS OF OPEN SPACE THAT IS THEN FILLED UP
13 WITH OIL AND GAS. THAT IS EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL TO EVERYONE'S
14 HEALTH. WE NEED MORE OPEN SPACE, NOT LESS. AND IF WE DO NOT
15 MOVE FORWARD TO PROTECT MORE OPEN SPACE NOW, THERE WON'T BE
16 ANY SPACE LEFT TO PROTECT LATER. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **ALFREDO COMACHO GONZALEZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME'S
21 ALFREDO CAMACHO GONZALEZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF POMONA. I'M HERE
22 REPRESENTING HEALTHY IN POMONA, WHICH IS COALITION OF SEVERAL
23 PARTNERS FROM POMONA. SO WE SPAN MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, HIGHER
24 EDUCATION, COMMUNITY LEADERS, SMALL AND LARGE NONPROFITS, AND
25 SOME BUSINESSES. SO TOGETHER WE ALL SHARE THE BELIEF THAT

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1 PARKS ARE -- ACCESSIBLE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ARE ESSENTIAL TO
2 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND HEALTH FOR OUR RESIDENTS. SO I
3 DON'T NEED TO MAKE THE CASE THAT PARKS ARE VITAL AND
4 IMPORTANT. WE KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE. AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
5 HERE WHO'S SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THAT. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE
6 THE CASE AROUND CONSERVATION AND OUR CONNECTION TO NATURE.
7 THOSE ARE ALL DEPENDENT ON OUR ATTITUDES TOWARDS GREEN SPACES
8 AND HOW WE INTERACT WITH THEM. SO BY ENSURING THAT OUR GREEN
9 SPACES AND PARKS IN HIGH NEED AREAS, THAT WE'RE PAYING
10 ATTENTION TO THEM, WE ARE ENSURING THAT WE'RE TAKING THE FIRST
11 AND MOST VITAL STEP IN ENSURING THAT WE ARE RAISING A
12 GENERATION OF FOLKS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN NATURE AND NATURAL
13 SPACE AND CONSERVATION. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **AMANDA JIMENEZ:** GREETINGS HONORABLE SUPERVSORS. MY NAME IS
18 AMANDA MARTHA JIMENEZ. AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE
19 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CENTERS AT U.S.C. IN THE INTEREST OF
20 CITING PEER REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH THAT SUPPORTS THE
21 BENEFITS OF PARKS AND GREEN SPACE FOR COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S
22 HEALTH OF WHICH THERE IS THIS INFOGRAPHIC, MOST SIGNIFICANTLY,
23 I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE DISPARITY THAT MANY PARK POOR
24 COMMUNITIES FACE IN LOS ANGELES. THESE ARE THE SAME
25 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY BURDENED BY MANY FORMS

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1 OF POLLUTION AND TOXIC EXPOSURES. AS WE KNOW, PARKS CAN HELP
2 ALLEVIATE IMPACTS OF POLLUTION INCLUDING PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, AND
3 MENTAL WELL-BEING. HOWEVER, WE ALSO KNOW THAT PARK POOR
4 COMMUNITIES HAVE A DRASTIC RACIAL DIFFERENCE IN ACCESS TO
5 PARKS. WE URGE YOU TO KEEP THE RESEARCH FINDINGS AND DATA IN
6 MIND WHEN FINALIZING THE PLAN THAT WILL ENSURE COMMUNITIES
7 ACROSS THE COUNTY RECEIVE EQUITABLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES,
8 ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT HAVE THE LEAST ACCESS TO PARK SPACE
9 WHICH ARE THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY BURDENED. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **ARNULFO CARILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ARNULFO CARILLO.
14 AND I AM A MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION K, WHICH WORKS FOR THE
15 WELFARE OF COMMUNITIES, THE SOCIAL WELFARE. I MUST SAY THAT
16 THERE IS A LOT TO DO IN PARKS. AND I COME FROM BELL GARDEN,
17 THE CITY OF BELL GARDEN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN EVALUATION, I
18 CAN GIVE YOU ONE, BUT NOT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE I ONLY HAVE ONE
19 MINUTE. SO I GET THAT THERE'S A GREAT DEAL THAT NEEDS TO BE
20 DONE. FOR SOME, 30 PERCENT MAY BE ENOUGH. BUT I BELIEVE THAT
21 60 PERCENT IS MUCH BETTER. IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT LOOKING AT
22 PARKS. IT IS ACTUALLY ABOUT IMPLEMENTING SOMETHING BETTER FOR
23 THE FUTURE FOR OUR FUTURE CHILDREN. FOR THAT REASON, I
24 CONGRATULATE OUR ORGANIZATION OF URSULA. SO I CALL ON THE
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD,

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1 TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. AND TO
2 KEEP IT AS A FUNDAMENTAL FAMILY FOR OUR CITIES.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **ADRIANA GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS ADRIANA GARCIA. AND
7 I LIVE IN NORTH LONG BEACH. GROWING UP IN MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES
8 WITHIN THE L.A. SPRAWL HAS NOT ONLY -- HAS EXPOSED ME TO NOT
9 ONLY SEE THE DISPARITIES BUT TO LIVE THEM. AND FOR THAT, I
10 ADVOCATE FOR PARK EQUITY. THANKS TO THE PARK EQUITY ALLIANCE
11 AND THE OFFICES OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THEIR HARD
12 WORK AND WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER OUR VOICES DURING THIS
13 NEGOTIATION. HERE'S WHY IT MATTERS. OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
14 DESERVE EQUAL ACCESS TO BEAUTIFUL GREEN SPACES. AS IT IS NO
15 SURPRISE THAT PARKS ARE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL HEALTH
16 AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING. THE MEASURE WAS PASSED ON A BASIS OF
17 A NEEDS ASSESSMENT. SO WE ASK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO
18 SUPPORT LEAVING MEASURE A FUNDS WHERE NEEDED, IN HIGH AND VERY
19 HIGH NEED AREAS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **BELINDA FAUSTINOS:** BELINDA FAUSTINOS WITH NATURE FOR ALL AND
24 PROUD RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED FIRST DISTRICT, HERE TODAY TO
25 JUST REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THE BOARD FOR THEIR ACTION

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1 TODAY. THIS IS NOT ONLY CHANGING FOR L.A. COUNTY, THIS IS OF
2 NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE FACT THAT EQUITY IS GOING TO BE THE
3 FRONTLINER IN PARK DISTRIBUTION IS PHENOMENAL. AND I DO WANT
4 TO GIVE ONE QUICK SHOUT OUT. OUR PARKS L.A., WHICH WORKED
5 EXTENSIVELY ON THIS MEASURE BOTH IN FORMULATING SOME OF THE
6 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND YOUR STAFF WHO WORKED CLOSELY WITH
7 ALL OF US IN TRYING TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM THAT WAS GOING TO BE
8 EQUITABLE FOR ALL, I REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AND ALL
9 THOSE THAT ARE IN THE ROOM THAT WORKED ON THIS MEASURE NOT
10 ONLY DURING THE FORMULATION STAGES BUT ACTUALLY HELPED TO GET
11 IT PASSED BY THE VOTERS. SO THANK YOU TO ALL OF THEM.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **CARLOS LEON:** HI, CARLOS LEON WITH COMMUNITY COALITION,
16 ORGANIZER. I GREW UP IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. SO I KNOW HOW HARD
17 IT IS. THE CLOSEST PARK WAS EXPO PARK. AND IT WASN'T EVERY
18 WEEKEND, IT WAS LIKE EVERY FEW MONTHS. AND GOING UP TO THE
19 MOUNTAINS OR THE BEACH, IT REALLY TOOK, WHEN YOU LIVE IN A
20 MIXED FAMILY WITH UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS, THE FEAR OF DRIVING
21 OUTSIDE THE SPACE WAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. NOW THAT I'M OLDER,
22 I CAN DRIVE THERE. BUT AS AN ORGANIZATION, WE WORK WITH
23 C.D.C., CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL. AND WE REALLY LOOKED AT
24 HOW DO WE RECLAIM SPACES BUT ALSO ADD ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING,
25 QUALITY PROGRAMMING. AND PEOPLE CAME. PEOPLE USED IT. BECAUSE

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1 THIS IS BEYOND HEALTH, IT'S A PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERN. SO WHERE
2 A BUDGET REALLY TALKS ABOUT HOW WE NEED TO RECLAIM OUR SPACES,
3 USE OUR SPACES WHERE A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS LOST OVER 20
4 POUNDS BECAUSE NEITHER L.A. FITNESS NOR NONE OF THESE BIG
5 CORPORATIONS WILL COME TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND ASSIST US. WE
6 NEED TO BE ABLE TO USE THAT SPACE FOR HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY,
7 AND REALLY BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON OUR YOUTH PROGRAMMING ALSO. SO
8 THESE ARE ASSETS THAT THE COMMUNITY ARE WILLING TO USE IF WE
9 ACTUALLY OPEN IT AND DO IT THE WAY THAT WE DESERVE WITH HIGH
10 QUALITY.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **CINDY CASTANEDA:** HI, CINDY CASTANEDA WITH THE AUDUBON CENTER
15 AND DEBS PARK. I AM A BIOLOGIST AT DEBS PARK WHERE I MANAGE 17
16 ACRES OF PARK LAND. AND I CONNECT PEOPLE TO NATURE. AND HAVING
17 NATURE FOR PEOPLE IS VERY IMPORTANT. I BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE ARE
18 CONNECTED TO NATURE INTRINSICALLY. AND PARKS PROVIDE INTRINSIC
19 ENVIRONMENTAL AESTHETICS AND RECREATION BENEFITS. AS THE PARK
20 MANAGER, I MANAGE OPEN GREEN SPACE TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
21 FAMILY INTERACTIONS, EXERCISE, AND ALSO WILDLIFE WATCHING TO
22 CREATE A COMMUNITY THAT IS HEALTHIER, FAMILY ORIENTED, AND
23 NATURE WISE. IN OFFERING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE
24 L.A. RIVER POCKET PARKS, HAS PRODUCED A COMMUNITY OF PARK
25 GOERS AND ENDORSED PARKS FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES, VEGETATION,

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1 AND WILDLIFE AND ALSO SAFEGUARDS OPEN GREEN SPACE. FOR
2 EXAMPLE, COMMUNITY MEMBERS FREQUENTLY VOLUNTEER DURING OUR
3 EVENTS AND BRING THEIR FAMILIES ALONG WHERE THEY PLANT, WEED,
4 AND PICK UP TRASH. AND THEY ACTUALLY HAVE TAKEN IT UPON
5 THEMSELVES TO STEWARD THE PARKS AND WEED AND TURN ON THE
6 IRRIGATION.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
9 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **AMY LETHBRIDGE:** HI, I'M AMY LETHBRIDGE. I'M HERE REPRESENTING
12 COMMUNITY NATURE CONNECTION. I'M FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
13 COMMUNITY NATURE CONNECTION IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT
14 HAS AS ITS MISSION INCREASING ACCESS TO THE OUTDOORS FOR
15 DIVERSE COMMUNITIES THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING AND IN
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. WE SUPPORT MEASURE
17 A TREMENDOUSLY. AND WE SUPPORT THE EQUITY AGENDA AS
18 REPRESENTED BY THE AMENDMENTS OFFERED TODAY, SPECIFICALLY THE
19 30 PERCENT SET ASIDE FOR GRANT FUNDS, THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
20 BEING USED FOR HIGH NEED AREAS, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
21 DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE POLICY. WHILE BELIEVE THAT PARK EQUITY
22 INVOLVES BOTH THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS AND PARK PROGRAMS IN
23 HIGH NEED AREAS AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO ALL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE,
24 WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOR FOR TOO LONG, HIGH NEED AREAS HAVE BEEN

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1 UNDER-SERVED AND UNDER-RESOURCED AND SUPPORT PRIORITIZATION OF
2 THOSE AREAS IN ADMINISTRATION OF THESE GRANT FUNDS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **CARLOS MORAN:** HI, BOARD. MY NAME IS CARLOS MORAN, SENIOR
7 DIRECTOR AT TREE PEOPLE. BEFORE I EVEN BEGIN TO ADDRESS THE
8 SUPPORT, I REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE EVERYONE WHO'S HERE
9 TODAY WEARING GREEN. EVERYONE WHO'S HERE, ALL THE VOTERS WHO
10 MADE SURE THAT WE HAVE MORE PARK ACCESS AND THAT IT IS
11 EQUITABLE. AS TREE PEOPLE, WE DO SUPPORT TARGETED INVESTMENTS.
12 WE SUPPORT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SO THAT WE HAVE COMMUNITY-
13 DEFINED PROJECTS. AND WE SUPPORT STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THESE
14 INVESTMENTS DON'T INCREASE HOUSING PRICES, DON'T INCREASE
15 COSTS OF LIVING, RENT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PARKS ARE A CRITICAL
16 FABRIC FOR OUR REGION. AND IT TIES TOGETHER, AS WE'VE HEARD
17 PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, BUT ALSO ECONOMIC HEALTH,
18 HOUSING HEALTH. AND LET'S NOT FORGET WATERSHED HEALTH. SO
19 THANK YOU, BOARD. THANK YOU, CHAIR, KUEHL, THOMAS, SOLIS,
20 BARGER, AND EVERYONE ELSE FOR SUPPORTING IT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **CLAIRE OKEKE:** I'M CLAIRE OKEKE. I'M REPRESENTING CLIFFORD
25 BEERS HOUSING. WE ARE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO

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1 DEVELOPING HOUSING THAT IS AFFORDABLE FOR ALL ANGELENOS,
2 CREATING THRIVING COMMUNITIES, AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS. THERE
3 IS A RISK THAT ADDING MORE PARKS AND BEAUTIFYING OUR
4 COMMUNITIES COULD MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES LESS AFFORDABLE OVER
5 TIME IF WE'RE NOT THOUGHTFUL IN THE IMPLEMENTATION. SO WE DO
6 SUPPORT THIS AGENDA ITEM. AND WE WOULD ASK THAT -- WE
7 RECOMMEND THAT FOR ADDITIONAL, IN ADDITION TO THIS ITEM, WE
8 RECOMMEND THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS BE ELIGIBLE TO
9 RECEIVE MEASURE A FUNDS IF PARTNERING WITH NONPROFIT PARK
10 DEVELOPERS WHICH WOULD EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE
11 A FUNDS AND INCREASE PARK EQUITY. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE
12 CONSIDERATION TO INCREASED DISPLACEMENT PROTECTIONS INCLUDING
13 OPPORTUNITIES TO EMBED TENANT PROTECTIONS AND HOUSING
14 EDUCATION AS AN ALLOWABLE PART OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND
15 INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TENANT RIGHTS EXPERTS IN THE
16 QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS DIRECTORY THANK YOU.

17

18 **ALFONSO DIRECTO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALFONSO DIRECTO.
19 I'M WITH INVESTING IN PLACE, ALSO A RESIDENT OF THE THIRD
20 DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO JOIN OUR PARTNERS FROM THE PARK EQUITY
21 COALITION TO EXPRESS CONCERNS ABOUT THE COUNTY'S MEASURE A
22 POLICIES AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL. WE ARE ENCOURAGED
23 TO SEE THAT THESE GUIDELINES PRIORITIZE PARK IMPLEMENTATION
24 FOR HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, WE URGE THE
25 COUNTY TO MODIFY THE GUIDELINES TO ALLOW FOR RAISING THE NEED--

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1 BASED FUNDING FLOOR IN FUTURE GRANT CYCLES TO PROGRESSIVELY
2 ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES DUE TO PARK INACCESSIBILITY. ALSO
3 WE URGE THE COUNTY TO MAINTAIN ONE COUNTY-WIDE PARKS NEEDS
4 ASSESSMENT SO THAT THE HEALTH, SOCIAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL
5 BENEFITS OF ACCESS TO PARKS AND GREEN SPACE IS ACHIEVED
6 EQUITABLY COUNTY-WIDE. FINALLY, WE SUPPORT THE FULLY RESOURCED
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE POLICY AND A
8 SUSTAINED FOCUS OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. ON HIGH
9 AND VERY HIGH NEED AREAS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, WE
12 NEED TO CALL UP SOME MORE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING
15 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN YOU HEAR YOUR NAME?
16 DANIEL ROSSMAN, DANIEL JIMENEZ, DANIELA VIDAL, DAYANA MOLINA,
17 DEISY GUITIERREZ, DIANE VALENCIA, DONVALE FOWLER, DR. EDWARD
18 ZUNIGA, EDWARD CHANG, ELIJAH GONZALEZ, ELSA TUNG, ELVA YANEZ,
19 ENRIQUE HUERTA, ERIC PREVEN, ERIKA SCHWERDT, AND EVREN ARAT.
20 PLEASE COME FORWARD.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **AMANDA STAPLES:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. AMANDA STAPLES WITH THE
25 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. I RESIDE IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S

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1 DISTRICT IN A MODERATE NEED COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO USE MY
2 TIME TO HIGHLIGHT OUR WORK IN THE INGLEWOOD COMMUNITY. WE ARE
3 PARTNERING WITH THE N.F.L. AND SPEARHEADING THE PLAY 60
4 COMMUNITY GRANT. ITS PRIMARY GOAL IS TO HOST 60 MINUTES OF
5 PLAY FOR YOUTH. THE OBESITY RATE FOR YOUTH IN INGLEWOOD IS AT
6 26.9 PERCENT. THIS IS HIGHER THAN THE COUNTY'S RATE OF 23
7 PERCENT AND EVEN HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL OBESITY RATE IN THIS
8 COMMUNITY. OUTRIGHT ALLOCATIONS AND COMPETITIVE DOLLARS ARE
9 BOTH NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE WELLNESS AND HEALTH OF OUR MOST
10 IMPACTED COMMUNITIES. WE ARE IN THIS COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE WANT
11 TO SEE HUGE CHANGE. WE BELIEVE THAT BY INVESTING IN OUR HIGH
12 NEED AND OUR VERY HIGH NEED COMMUNITIES WE WILL HOPEFULLY GET
13 CLOSER TO ERADICATING HEALTH ISSUES. SO AS A PARTNER IN THIS
14 WORK FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, WE ASK THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO
15 TAKE AN EQUITY LENS TO ENSURE OUR HIGH NEED AND VERY HIGH NEED
16 AREAS GO FROM RED TO GREEN.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME REMIND THE
19 AUDIENCE WHEN YOU ARE LEAVING IF YOU CAN DO IT IN A MOST QUIET
20 WAY BECAUSE WE ARE STILL IN OUR MEETING. SO THANK YOU VERY
21 MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **ANNALISE SIMONE:** HELLO, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
24 ANNALISE SIMONE. I'M THE WATER QUALIT SCIENTIST WITH HEAL THE
25 BAY IN SANTA MONICA. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF HEAL THE BAY IN

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1 SUPPORT OF THIS EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PARKS IN L.A. COUNTY
2 BECAUSE IT IS BENEFICIAL TO ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. AND AS HAS
3 BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE, THE BENEFITS OF THIS EQUITABLE
4 DISTRIBUTION GOES WELL BEYOND SIMPLY THE PLACEMENT OF PARKS.
5 AS WATER QUALITY IS MY SPECIALTY, I WILL SPEAK TO THAT.
6 EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PARKS IS BENEFICIAL TO ALL
7 COMMUNITIES INCLUDING THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES BECAUSE YOU
8 CANNOT HAVE A HEALTHY COASTLINE WITHOUT HAVING HEALTHY
9 WATERSHEDS. GREEN AND NATURAL SPACE CAN IMPROVE WATER QUALITY
10 BY ALLOWING RAIN TO INFILTRATE BEFORE IT BECOMES STORM WATER
11 RUNOFF WHICH IS A CONVEYANCE SYSTEM FOR POLLUTION INTO OUR
12 WATERWAYS. AND IT ALSO FILTERS OUT CONTAMINANTS FROM THE AIR
13 THAT WOULD OTHERWISE SETTLE ON THE GROUND OR DIRECTLY INTO OUR
14 WATERWAYS. IN ADDITION TO THE MANY BENEFITS THAT PARKS WOULD
15 PROVIDE TO COMMUNITIES THAT NEED THEM THE MOST, THE EQUITABLE
16 DISTRIBUTION OF PARKS WILL CREATE HEALTHY WATERSHEDS WHICH
17 WILL BENEFIT OUR COAST AND THEREFORE BENEFIT ALL OF L.A.
18 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **CARMEN GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
23 IS CARMEN MIDORI GONZALEZ FROM MARAVILLA COMMUNITY ADVISORY
24 COMMITTEE. I AM HERE TO ASK THE SUPERVISORS TO HEAR ME OUT ON
25 THE NEEDS OF IMPROVEMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

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1 MEASURE. WITH THE MEASURE A PASSING, WE ASK FOR FUNDING FOR
2 OUR PARKS THAT ARE USED FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FAMILY AND
3 FRIENDS AND GET TOGETHER. EAST L.A. IS OVERPOPULATED. WE HAVE
4 MORE APARTMENTS AND LESS HOMES. AS A RESULT, KIDS ARE FORCED
5 TO PLAY ON THE STREETS. OUR PARKS ARE IN NEED OF MORE BENCHES,
6 CLEAN RESTROOMS, UPDATED EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, AND MOST
7 IMPORTANTLY, LIGHTING TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND MAKE THE PARK MORE
8 INVITING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **CATHERINE YANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S CATHERINE YANG. I'M
13 HERE REPRESENTING K.I.W.A., KOREATOWN IMMIGRANT WORKERS
14 ALLIANCE. KOREATOWN IS A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS THE DENSEST,
15 IT'S THE MOST PARK POOR NEIGHBORHOOD IN L.A. REPRESENTING
16 120,000 PEOPLE THAT ONLY 2 PARKS SERVICE. AND SO THAT MEANS
17 THAT OUR SENIORS, OUR ELDERS ARE MEETING UP IN NEARBY
18 MCDONALD'S. AND KIDS ARE PLAYING IN THE STREETS OR STAYING
19 INDOORS. AND THAT'S A REALLY BIG ISSUE. SO, K.I.W.A. STARTED A
20 COALITION IN 2011 TO START THE KOREATOWN CENTRAL PARK WITH
21 C.R.A. MONEY. BUT WHEN THE C.R.A. DISSOLVED IN 2011, SO DID
22 THAT PARK PROJECT WHILE OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, PARK DEVELOPMENTS
23 IN DOWNTOWN, CONTINUED BECAUSE OF CITY OR COUNTY COMMITMENTS.
24 SO THOUSANDS OF KOREATOWN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WERE LEFT IN THE
25 DARK. WE HAVEN'T HAD A PARK SINCE 2011. NO PARK IMPROVEMENTS,

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1 NOTHING. AND THIS IS A REALLY BIG DEAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR
2 COMMUNITIES. SO WE REALLY NEED ACCOUNTABILITY WITH THE COUNTY
3 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN AND THIS POLICY. THANK YOU
4 SO MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
7 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **DANIEL JIMENEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DANIEL JIMENEZ WITH INNER CITY
10 STRUGGLE. AND OUR ORGANIZATION IS BASED ON THE EAST SIDE OF
11 LOS ANGELES AND WITHIN THE FIRST DISTRICT. I AM HERE ON BEHALF
12 OF OUR ORGANIZATION TO ASK THE BOARD TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT
13 EQUITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE A. MOVING FORWARD WITH
14 OUR ALLIES, WE'RE SPECIFICALLY ASKING THE BOARD TO, ONE,
15 ENSURE 30 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS ARE DESIGNED FOR PROJECTS
16 LOCATED IN HIGH NEED AREAS FROM CATEGORIES 3 AND 4. TWO,
17 ENSURE THAT THE LEVEL OF NEED SCORING CRITERIA SPEAKS FOR
18 CATEGORIES 3 AND 4 IN COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS. THREE, FOCUS ON
19 THE TENECO SYSTEM PROGRAM IN CREATING PROJECTS IN HIGH NEED
20 AREAS TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD ON BOTH COMPETITIVE AND
21 FORMULA-BASED GRANTS PROGRAMS. FIVE, I'M SORRY, CRITICALLY --
22 IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTY MAINTAIN ITS STEWARDSHIP IN THE
23 COUNTY-WIDE NEED ASSESSMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
24 RECREATION. LAST, THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE PARK
25 NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR OPEN SPACES, BEACH, AND RURAL AREAS MUST

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1 BE REJECTED. THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO FOCUS ON THE IMPROVING
2 THE PARKS POOR AREA IN THE COUNTY IS TO HAVE AN INCLUSIVE
3 VISION TO THE COMMUNITY PARKS FOR ALL TYPES OF PARKS
4 FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 CONSIDERATION, AND WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT ENSURING EQUITY
6 AND PARKS ACCESS FOR L.A. COUNTY'S HIGHEST NEEDS COMMUNITY.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **DANIEL ROSSMAN:** MY NAME IS DANIEL ROSSMAN. I REPRESENT THE
11 WILDERNESS SOCIETY. I'M HERE TODAY TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS
12 EFFORT, THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE MOTION TO KEEP THIS
13 MEASURE EQUITY FOCUSED. THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY IS KNOWN FOR
14 PROTECTING BIG OPEN LANDSCAPES. AND WE REALLY CARE ABOUT
15 PLACES LIKE THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS AND THE SANTA MONICAS
16 THAT GIVE PEOPLE THE SENSE OF AWE THAT THE SUPERVISOR TALKED
17 WHEN YOU SEE A WATERFALL OR GET THE SENSE OF SOLITUDE THAT
18 YOU ONLY GET IN WILDERNESS. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT THIS
19 EXPERIENCE IS ACHIEVED THROUGH A LADDER OF EXPERIENCES. IN
20 THAT FIRST RUNG OF THE LADDER, HAVING A PARK CLOSE TO HOME,
21 HAVING AN EXPERIENCE CLOSE TO HOME IS SO CRITICAL TO GETTING
22 THOSE CHAMPIONS TO THE PLACES WHERE WE'RE MORE KNOWN FOR
23 PROTECTING. AND SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE REALLY GRATEFUL TO STAND
24 WITH THE EQUITY ALLIANCE AND SUPPORT THE BOARD IN ENSURING
25 THAT THIS MEASURE HAS EQUITY AT THE FOCUS AND THE 30 PERCENT

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1 MINIMUM IS ACHIEVED TO ENSURING WE HAVE FUTURE CHAMPIONS FOR
2 BOTH THOSE PLACES THAT NEED HELP OUT IN THE WILD PLACES AND
3 PLACES CLOSE TO HOME.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **ELVA YANEZ:** YES. ELVA YANEZ, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH EQUITY AT
8 PREVENTION INSTITUTE. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS ON THIS
9 MEASURE. PARK INEQUITIES ARE NOT COINCIDENTAL. AND THEY'RE NOT
10 ACCIDENTAL BUT RESULT FROM HISTORIC AND CURRENT DAY POLICIES,
11 PRACTICES, AND FUNDING DECISIONS THAT HAVE DENIED FAIR ACCESS
12 TO PARK RESOURCES ALONG RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND SOCIOECONOMIC
13 LINES FOR FAR TOO LONG. MEASURE A AND ITS REVENUE ALLOCATION
14 FRAMEWORK REPRESENT A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO
15 REVERSE THE PARK INEQUITIES FOUND IN 52 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY
16 COMMUNITIES, PRIMARILY LOW INCOME, LATINO AND BLACK
17 NEIGHBORHOODS. IN ORDER TO LIVE UP TO THE PROMISE OF MEASURE A
18 FOR THESE COMMUNITIES, WE WILL HAVE TO DIRECT MORE THAN THE
19 CURRENTLY DESIGNATED 23 PERCENT OR 21.7 MILLION OF MEASURE A'S
20 DOLLARS TO REVENUE STREAMS FOR HIGH NEED AREAS. PLEASE DO THE
21 RIGHT THING AND ENSURE STRONG AND CLEAR CONSISTENT FUNDING
22 GUIDELINES THAT WILL FACILITATE EFFECTIVE EQUITABLE
23 IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE A.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **EDWARD ZUNIGA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EDWARD ZUNIGA. AND I
3 AM THE PROUD SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL
4 DISTRICT WHERE I PROUDLY ATTENDED SCHOOLS AS A CHILD. GROWING
5 UP AND WORKING IN EL MONTE HAS GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO
6 UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. EL MONTE SERVES A LARGE
7 POPULATION OF WORKING FAMILIES THAT WANT THE BEST FOR THEIR
8 CHILDREN. WE ARE WORKING TIRELESSLY TO SUPPORT A HEALTHY
9 LIFESTYLE WITH VARIOUS WELLNESS INITIATIVES IN OUR SCHOOL
10 DISTRICT. FOR MANY STUDENTS, OUR CAMPUS IS THE ONLY GREEN
11 SPACE THEY HAVE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE. MEASURE A PROVIDES
12 EQUITABLE FUNDING TO HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED AREAS AS WE
13 PROMISED THE VOTERS. EL MONTE IS PARK POOR WITH LESS THAN HALF
14 ACRE OF SPACE PER 1,000 RESIDENTS WHICH IS OVER 114,000
15 RESIDENTS IN OUR AREA. EL MONTE WAS IDENTIFIED AS A VERY LARGE
16 NEED AREA BY THE L.A. COUNTY PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT, ONE OF A
17 HANDFUL OF CITIES IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. LOW INCOME RESIDENTS
18 SUCH AS THOSE FROM OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS
19 PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS.
20 THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE THEIR OWN CITY TO TAKE
21 ADVANTAGE OF GREEN SPACE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **EDWARD CHANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 EDWARD CHANG. I'M THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF IN THE
3 MAKING. WE'RE A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER LOCATED IN EAST L.A.
4 WE WORK A LOT WITH THE YOUTH OF THE AREA, ESPECIALLY THE
5 FOSTER YOUTH AND A LOT OF DISADVANTAGED YOUTH. AFTER READING
6 THE REPORT, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU HAVE ALL THE EMPIRICAL
7 EVIDENCE THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT MEASURE A IS IN THE BEST
8 INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD JUST ASK TO SUPPORT AND
9 CONTINUE SUPPORTING SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY IN
10 THIS AMENDMENT, MAKING SURE THAT WE MAINTAIN THE 30 PERCENT
11 ALLOCATION TO NEEDY AREAS. AND ALSO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A
12 SPECIAL MOMENT TO THANK FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS AS WELL AS THE REST
14 OF THE SUPERVISORS IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **EVREN ARAT:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
19 NAME IS EVREN ARAT. FIRSTLY, I WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR
20 HILDA SOLIS FOR WORKING TO ADVANCE GREATER EQUITY IN OUR
21 COMMUNITIES. ON BEHALF OF DESIGNATED EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES FOR
22 INDEPENDENCE, ALSO KNOWN AS D.E.S.I., I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS
23 SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDING MOTIONS. WE'RE A NONPROFIT SERVING
24 INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES THROUGHOUT EAST AND
25 SOUTHEAST L.A. COUNTY. OUR FAMILIES COME FROM LARGELY UNDER-

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1 SERVED COMMUNITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, ACCORDING TO THE PUBLICATION
2 L.A. COUNTY CITY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFILES, THE CITY OF
3 HUNTINGTON PARK HAD ACCESS TO PARKS AT .83 ACRES PER 1,000
4 RESIDENTS. IN CONTRAST TO 52 ACRES PER THOUSAND TO THE HIGHEST
5 PERFORMING CITY. OUR CLIENTS FACE ADDITIONAL BARRIERS TO
6 EQUITY BASED ON THEIR DISABILITIES, AND THEY'D BENEFIT GREATLY
7 FROM AN INCREASED FOCUS ON EQUITABLE ACCESS TO PARKS. THANK
8 YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **ELIJAH GONZALEZ:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ELIJAH GONZALEZ.
13 AND I LIVE IN THE HEART OF SOUTH CENTRAL. I'M AN ACTOR
14 CURRENTLY GOING SANTA MONICA COLLEGE. I'M HERE TO SIMPLY TALK
15 ABOUT PARKS AND WHY WE NEED THEM AND A SAFE PLACE TO GO IN OUR
16 COMMUNITY. FOR THE LONGEST, I'VE LIVED IN THE CITY OF LOS
17 ANGELES AND VISITED THE PARKS OF LOS ANGELES HERE, AND EVER
18 SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID. I WAKE UP EVERY MORNING AND MAKE THE
19 COMMUTE TO SANTA MONICA COLLEGE. AND I SEE A VERY DIVESTED
20 COMMUNITY. AND THEN THE SHIFT TO A VERY INVESTED COMMUNITY.
21 AND IT'S A SHAME THAT FAMILIES HAVE TO WAKE UP AND MAKE THE
22 SAME COMMUTE IF THEY WANT TO GO TO A REALLY NICE PARK. AND I
23 JUST HOPE ONE DAY WE CAN SEE A CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITIES TO
24 SEE SUCH BEAUTIFUL PARKS IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **DEISY GUTIERREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DEISY GUTIERREZ.

4 I'M WORKING WITH KOREATOWN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER AS A

5 PREVENTION SPECIALIST. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO THANK YOU,

6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR EQUITY AND THE

7 RIGHT OF EVERY FAMILY IN L.A. COUNTY TO HAVE AND ENJOY A LOCAL

8 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK. EVERY FAMILY DESERVES A PARK THAT IS NEARBY

9 TO THEIR HOME AND A PARK THAT IS WELL MAINTAINED. EVERY FAMILY

10 DESERVES ACCESS TO THE SAME HIGH QUALITY PARK. THIS PROMISE OF

11 EQUITY MUST BE KEPT. THANK YOU. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **ELSA TUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE

16 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ELSA TUNG. AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING

17 LONG BEACH FORWARD IN DISTRICT 4. LONG BEACH FORWARD IS THE

18 SUPPORT ORGANIZATION FOR BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES LONG

19 BEACH AND BEST START CENTRAL LONG BEACH. I'M INCREDIBLY PROUD

20 AND GRATEFUL TO LIVE IN LONG BEACH, BUT, FRANKLY, I'M

21 HORRIFIED THAT MY CITY HAS AN UNCONSCIONABLE 17-YEAR GAP IN

22 LIFE EXPECTANCY ALL WITHIN 51 SQUARE MILES. THE LINK BETWEEN

23 SAFE, CLEAN PARKS IN ONE'S NEIGHBORHOOD AND IMPROVED PUBLIC

24 HEALTH IS UNDISPUTED. IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT LONG BEACH'S

25 LOWEST LIFE EXPECTANCY NEIGHBORHOODS, CENTRAL, NORTH, AND WEST

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1 LONG BEACH, ARE THE SAME EXACT NEIGHBORHOODS AS THE ORANGE AND
2 RED HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEEDS AREAS ON THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT
3 MAP. PARKS ARE LITERALLY A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. THAT'S
4 WHY WE JOIN OUR MANY PARK EQUITY PARTNERS IN URGING THE BOARD
5 TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO STRENGTHEN THE PARK
6 EQUITY PROVISIONS. ON BEHALF OF THE 361,000 DISTRICT 4
7 RESIDENTS WHO LIVE AND UNFORTUNATELY DIE YOUNGER IN LONG
8 BEACH'S PARK POOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 COURAGE TO DO RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **ERIKA SCHWERDT:** MY NAME IS ERIKA SCHWERDT. AND I'M A RESIDENT
15 OF LAKE LOS ANGELES SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 5. AND I WORK WITH
16 SOUTH BAY CENTER FOR COUNSELING. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS NOT
17 LIKE THE REST OF L.A. COUNTY WHERE RESOURCES ARE FEW AND FAR
18 IN BETWEEN AND WHAT LITTLE WE DO HAVE IS LOCATED IN SCATTERED
19 AREAS. WHEN IT COMES TO PARK, IT'S IN THE EAST ANTELOPE
20 VALLEY, LAKE LOS ANGELES IS BLESSED TO HAVE A UNIQUE AND
21 WONDERFULLY MANAGED PARK, BUT THE PROBLEM OF PARK EQUITY STILL
22 STANDS. FOR ME TO TAKE MY DAUGHTER TO THE CLOSEST AQUATICS
23 CENTER, I HAVE TO TRAVEL 17.7 MILES TO REACH THE NEAREST POOL.
24 FOR A SENIOR TO TAKE WATER AEROBICS CLASSES, THE ONLY OPTION
25 IS TO JOIN A GYM AND PAY FOR THE HIGH MEMBERSHIP FEES. AND IF

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1 ANYONE FROM STUDY AREA 17 IN LAKE L.A. WANT TO GO TO OUR LOCAL
2 PARK, THEY HAVE TO WALK 45 MINUTES TO GET THERE OR MORE IF
3 THEY DON'T HAVE A VEHICLE. FOR THE EQUITY OF PARK LIFE AND FOR
4 THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR KIDS, OUR CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5, OUR
5 FAMILIES, AND OUR SENIORS, MY COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AMENDMENTS TO
6 THE ASSESSMENT TO FULLY FUND THESE CATEGORIES 3 AND 4 AND TO
7 INCLUDE STUDY AREAS 17 AND 35 IN THIS ASSESSMENT.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **DONVALE FOWLER:** MY NAME IS DONVALE FOWLER. AND I AM THE VICE
12 PRESIDENT OF THE LAKE LOS ANGELES PARK ASSOCIATION. OUR MOTTO
13 IS TO BUILD PARKS THAT WILL BRING TOGETHER ALL PEOPLE AND THAT
14 WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE FUTURE. THE LAKE
15 LOS ANGELES PARK ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE MEASURE A MANUAL.
16 AND WE SUPPORT THE PROPOSED MEASURE A AMENDMENTS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY IN
21 C.D.2 OR THE CITY DISTRICT 2 IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT.
22 AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THIS AND THE IDEA OF GETTING TO THE
23 PARK POOR PLACES SOME OF THIS MONEY THAT THE TAXPAYERS
24 APPROVED. THE TRICK IS THAT ONCE IT'S DONE, IT HAS TO BE
25 FOLLOWED THROUGH ON. IN PROP K, WHICH WAS ONE FROM 1996, THERE

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1 WERE SOME GREAT IDEAS THAT WERE EVEN WRITTEN INTO THE DEAL.
2 AND THEN THEY COULDN'T GET IT GOING FOR VARIOUS REASONS. AND
3 THE MONEY REVERTS TO A FUND AND THEN GETS SMEARED AROUND THE
4 PLACES THAT ALREADY HAVE NICE PARKS AND THINGS BUT ARE HAPPY
5 TO PUT THE MONEY TO GOOD USE. SO THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO MAKE
6 SURE YOU HAVE THE APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT IN PLACE TO DEAL WITH
7 THOSE INEVITABLE EVENTUALITIES WHERE THINGS GET DIFFICULT AND
8 THAT MONEY BECOMES RIPE FOR -- NOW, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICES
9 IS WHAT THE 501S ARE ALL DOWN HERE TO BE EXCITED ABOUT TO
10 HELP, BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S DONE IN A FAIR AND
11 EQUITABLE WAY THAT EVERYBODY IS INCLUDED. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **DIANE VALENCIA:** MY NAME IS DIANE VALENCIA. I LIVE IN DISTRICT
16 1. AND I AM A YOUTH ORGANIZER WITH THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN
17 COMMUNITY ALLIANCE IN CHINATOWN. IN THE TREND OF BECOMING MORE
18 ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS, WE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF GREEN WASHING
19 GENTRIFICATION. WITH PARK IMPROVEMENTS, THERE HAVE BEEN
20 POSITIVE IMPACT ON REAL PROPERTY VALUES AND MUNICIPAL REVENUES
21 INCREASING NEIGHBORHOOD APPEAL. HOWEVER, OUR COMMUNITIES ARE
22 BEING PRICED OUT. OUR MEMBERS THAT COME FROM IMMIGRANT REFUGEE
23 FAMILIES THAT WORK IN SWEATSHOPS, IN THE RESTAURANTS, IN THE
24 SMALL BUSINESSES, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO STAY. IN CHINATOWN, THE
25 NEWLY REMODELED L.A. STATE HISTORIC PARK HAS COINCIDED WITH

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1 MULTIPLE UNAFFORDABLE LUXURY DEVELOPMENTS FROM ELESION PARK
2 LOFTS TO THE COLLEGE GOLD LINE STATION. WE ASK YOU,
3 SUPERVISORS, TO STRENGTHEN THE POLICY BY ESTABLISHING AN
4 ACTIVE DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE TASKFORCE TO GUIDE OUR P.O.S.D.
5 IN IMPLEMENTATION. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **DAVID DIAZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DAVID DIAZ, EXECUTIVE
10 DIRECTOR OF ACTIVE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND LIFELONG RESIDENT OF
11 THE COMMUNITIES OF EL MONTE AND SOUTH EL MONTE, WHERE
12 RESPECTIVELY WE HAVE .4 AND .7 ACRES PER A THOUSAND RESIDENTS.
13 LET ME SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME. IN EL MONTE, WE HAVE .4, IN
14 SOUTH EL MONTE, WE HAVE .7 PER THOUSAND WHEREAS THE COUNTY
15 PARKS ASSESSMENT FOUND THAT THE AVERAGE COUNTY-WIDE IS 3.3. I
16 LIVE AND WORK IN AREA PREDOMINANTLY LATINO A.P.I. WHERE OUR
17 PARKS ARE MUCH MORE THAN RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES, BUT REALLY
18 SERVE AS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY WHERE FAMILIES THROW BIRTHDAY
19 PARTIES, FOLKS GO TO TAKE THEIR QUINCEANERA PICTURES, WEDDING
20 PICTURES, WHERE FAMILIES GO BOND AND BELONG WITH ONE ANOTHER.
21 WE WAY TOO OFTEN MY PARKS AREN'T SAFE. I DON'T GO TO PARKS
22 HERE BECAUSE. I WISH MY PARK HAD. WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START
23 WITH THIS PROCESS, BUT WE NEED TO FINISH STRONG AND ENSURE WE
24 HAVE A MINIMUM SET ASIDE FOR VERY HIGH AND HIGH NEED AREAS SO
25 WE CAN PROVIDE SAFE GREEN ENVIRONMENTS FOR FAMILIES AND

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1 COMMUNITIES TO BOND AND BELONG IN THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD. MANY
2 THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION TODAY. PLEASE DO THE EQUITABLE
3 THING. AND GO DODGERS.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO DODGERS. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE] THANK
6 YOU. WE'RE GOING TO DO IT THIS YEAR. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER,
7 PLEASE.

8

9 **DAYANA MOLINA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
10 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAYANA MOLINA. AND I'M A COMMUNITY
11 ORGANIZER WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS L.A. OFFICE. THE
12 TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS LATEST COMMITMENT TO PARK EQUITY IS
13 THROUGH THE TEN MINUTE WALK IN PAIN. STUDIES SHOW THAT PARKS
14 ARE CENTRAL TO PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ECONOMIC
15 HEALTH FOR A COMMUNITY. 100 MILLION AMERICANS DO NOT HAVE A
16 PARK WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF HOME. OVER 5 MILLION OF THESE
17 AMERICANS LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY ALONE. THE DISENFRANCHISED
18 COMMUNITIES ARE WHERE 100 PERCENT OF MY WORK TAKES PLACE AND
19 WHERE I LIVE, S.D.1. AS OF NOW, 229 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN
20 AMERICA HAVE TAKEN THE PLEDGE TO INCREASE PARK EQUITY
21 INCLUDING THE HONORABLE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 SUPERVISOR FOR DISTRICT 2, L.A. CITY MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI, AND
23 FOUR OTHER MAYORS IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU HONORABLE MARK
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND TO ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING PARK EQUITY A
25 PRIORITY. I APPLAUD YOUR COMMITMENT. YET THERE IS SO MUCH TO

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1 BE DONE. AND WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH EQUITY
2 LEADERS TO MAKE PARK EQUITY A TRUE REALITY HERE IN L.A.
3 COUNTY.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
6 WE HAVE SOME MORE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SPEAK TO US THIS
7 MORNING. CALL THEM UP, PLEASE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
10 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD. FIDEL VASQUEZ, GICLA REYES,
11 GRACIELA CABEZAS, HAYLEY SAYRS, HURLEY OWENS, ISABEL MONTERO,
12 JACKIE LIVINGSTONE, JAIME FLORES, JAMIE TIJERENA, JASHIN
13 LIBERTO, JESUS DE SANTIAGO, JESUS FRANCO, JOHN JONES, JUANA
14 BASILIO, KATE SACHNOFF, AND KATHY SCHREINER. PLEASE COME
15 FORWARD.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

18

19 **DANIELA VIDAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DANIELA VIDAL. AND
20 I'M A SUPERVISOR WITH THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZING DEPARTMENT WITH
21 S.B.C.C. THRIVE L.A. WE HAVE BROUGHT OVER 500 PETITIONS TODAY
22 THAT WE'VE COLLECTED THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. IF I COULD HAVE
23 OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT CAME ALONG WITH US WITH OUR
24 S.B.C.C. STAFF TO PLEASE STAND? THANK YOU. THIS IS JUST AN
25 EXAMPLE OF HOW OUR RESIDENTS IN THESE HIGH NEED COMMUNITY

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1 AREAS ADVOCATE AND SUPPORT THE PROPOSED EQUITY GUIDELINES IN
2 MEASURE A. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **HAYLEY SAYRS:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
7 HAYLEY SAYRS. AND I'M A RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES AND A
8 MASTER'S STUDENT PUBLIC HEALTH AT U.S.C. KECK IN THE FIRST
9 DISTRICTED. I AM ALSO AN VOLUNTEER WITH IN THE MAKING AND A
10 MENTOR FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM EMPOWERING LOW INCOME
11 FOSTER YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH EMPLOYMENT. IN OUR
12 COMMUNITY, 44 PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS DO NOT LIVE CLOSE TO A
13 PARK. VOTERS WANTED EQUITY WHEN THEY PASSED MEASURE A. WE NEED
14 TARGETED INVESTMENTS WHICH IS PROFOUNDLY IMPORTANT TO REDUCING
15 DISPARITIES IN PARK DEFICIENT AREAS. A STUDY ON PARKS AND
16 PUBLIC HEALTH IN L.A. FOUND THAT CHILDREN WHO LIVE CLOSE
17 PROXIMITY TO A PARK HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER RATES OF
18 CHILDHOOD OBESITY. EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON A PARK IN EAST L.A.
19 IS PAID FORWARD BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CRIMES, REDUCING
20 RATES OF CHILD AND ADULT OBESITY, AND REDUCING THE E.R.
21 ADMISSION FOR CHILDHOOD ASTHMA. 30 PERCENT OF PROJECT FUNDS
22 ARE JUST A START TO RECTIFYING THESE INEQUITIES. MEASURE A
23 SHOULD STAND FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO PLAY.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **JACKIE LIVINGSTONE:** I AM JACKIE LIVINGSTONE AND HAVE LIVED IN
3 LAKE LOS ANGELES SINCE 1984. I AM A CURRENT MEMBER OF CRUSADE
4 FOR A CAUSE AND I HEART LAKE L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION
5 COUNCILS. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL PARK THAT WE HAVE BEEN PAYING A
6 PARCEL TAX FOR SINCE 1997 THROUGH THE 1995 LIGHTING AND
7 LANDSCAPE ACT DISTRICT 2 ZONE 45. BUT OUR COMMUNITY IS AN
8 UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITY. OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LAKE
9 LOS ANGELES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS PRIMARILY LOW INCOME
10 WITH POOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. IN THE PAST, WHEN MY CHILDREN
11 WERE YOUNG, WE WALKED TO THE PARK. IT WAS OVER AN HOUR WALK OR
12 A 10-MINUTE DRIVE FROM MY HOUSE. WE WOULD LIKE THIS FUNDING TO
13 PASS SO WE CAN HAVE MORE RECREATIONAL OUTLETS FOR OUR YOUTH.
14 I'M DISABLED AND CAN NO LONGER DRIVE MYSELF. I WOULD LOVE FOR
15 THERE TO BE A LOCAL POOL AVAILABLE TO DO POOL AQUATICS SO THAT
16 I CAN GO LOCALLY RATHER THAN RIDE TO A POOL OR GYM.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN AND
19 GIVING US YOUR TESTIMONY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
20 PLEASE.

21

22 **JESUS DE SANTIAGO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. SO MY NAME IS JESUS DE
23 SANTIAGO. I'M REPRESENTING PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL. BEING IN THE
24 COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERING IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND THE
25 NORTHEAST, I SEEN FAMILY, YOU KNOW, THAT ARE SUFFERING IN

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1 SILENCE NOT HAVING A PARK, NOT HAVING A GREEN AREA. I MEAN A
2 PARK IS NOT ONLY THAT. IT IS BREATHING THE CONTAMINATIONS. SO
3 I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THESE
4 MEASUREMENTS. AND THAT'S ALL I HAD.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **HURLEY OWENS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
9 MY NAME IS HURLEY OWENS. I REPRESENT THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
10 DEPARTMENT OF PARK RECREATION AND MARINE. ON BEHALF OF THE
11 CITY, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND STAFF AT THE REGIONAL PARK AND
12 OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR YOUR WORK TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING SAFE
13 CLEAN NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND BEACHES MEASURES. THE LONG BEACH
14 APPRECIATES ANY OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS SUCH AS
15 THROUGH MEASURE A THAT WILL HELP EXPAND, BEAUTIFY, PROTECT,
16 AND OTHERWISE IMPROVE OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES. I AM HERE
17 TODAY TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS ITEM AS ORIGINALLY
18 DRAFTED INCLUDING THE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROVISION. WE HAVE AND
19 WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PUBLIC INVESTMENTS FOR PARKS IN HIGH
20 AND VERY HIGH NEED AREAS OF THE COUNTY INCLUDING AREAS WITHIN
21 LONG BEACH AS WERE IDENTIFIED DURING THE ROBUST PUBLIC
22 ENGAGEMENT PROCESS CONDUCTED IN PREPARATIONS FOR MEASURE A. WE
23 THANK THE NEARLY 75 PERCENT OF L.A. VOTERS WHO SUPPORTED THIS
24 ONGOING INVESTMENT IN PARKS AND WISH TO ADD OUR SUPPORT TO
25 THIS ITEM, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **JAIME FLORES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAIME
5 FLORES, PREVENTION SPECIALIST OF KOREATOWN YOUTH COMMUNITY
6 CENTER. I AM HERE BECAUSE I AM MESMERIZED BY THE NUMBER OF
7 PEOPLE FIGHTING TO VISIT COMMUNITIES WHICH ARE DEEMED BY
8 TELEVISION STATIONS ABOUT DRIVE-THRUS, BUT I DON'T SEE THE
9 AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FIGHTING DRIVE-THRUS. WE HAVE AN
10 INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF LIQUOR STORES, DISPENSARIES OPENING
11 ALMOST IN EVERY MONTH, BUT WE DON'T HAVE PARKS, RECREATION,
12 COMMUNITY GARDENS SO TO BE ABLE TO GROW OUR FOOD AND TEACH OUR
13 KIDS HOW TO PLANT OUR FOOD BECAUSE IF WE ARE NOT PROVIDING
14 THESE SERVICES FOR THEM, THEY ARE GOING THE TURN TO THE LIQUOR
15 STORES AND DISPENSARIES THAT ARE AT ALMOST EVERY CORNER.
16 THEY'RE GOING TO BE ISOLATED FROM PLAY. PLAY AS A CHILD IS
17 VERY IMPORTANT FOR THEIR IMAGINATION, CREATIVITY, AND
18 INNOVATION AS THE NEXT LEADERS OF THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **FIDEL VASQUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS FIDEL VASQUEZ FROM
23 PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING TO OUR
24 NEEDS. WE NEED A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT WITH THE PARKS SO THAT
25 THEY CAN TURN GREEN. THEY ARE NOT BEING TAKEN CARE OF. SO IN

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1 THE PARK, WE NEED TREES. WE NEED IT TO BE CLEAN. WE NEED DOORS
2 IN THE BATHROOMS. THEY DON'T HAVE DOORS. AND WE JUST NEED THE
3 PLACE TO CLEAN UP, TO BE CLEANED UP. WE NEED YOU TO LISTEN TO
4 US WITH YOUR HEART WITH LOVE BECAUSE THAT IS THE WAY WE PAY
5 BACK WITH LOVE. WE NEED A GREAT DEAL OF HELP FROM YOU IN ORDER
6 FOR THE CITY TO BE A CLEAN ONE AND ALSO TO BRING MORE COMMERCE
7 INTO IT. WITH COMMERCE AND PAYING TAXES THROUGH COMMERCE, THEN
8 WE'RE GOING TO BE GETTING MORE. SO THAT WE CAN PAY BACK THE
9 MONEY THAT WAS LOANED TO US. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU. AND
10 GOD HELP YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **JOHN JONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOHN JONES. I'M THE
15 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE. I HAVE
16 BEEN A VERY INVESTED COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE MEASURE A
17 STEERING COMMITTEE FOR 18 MONTHS AS STATED BEFORE. AND I ALSO
18 REPRESENT THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE
19 CITY OF TORRANCE. I WANT TO THANK EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR
20 HAVING THE VISION TO BRING THIS FORWARD FOR L.A. COUNTY. IT'S
21 IMPERATIVE THAT THIS FUNDING MOVE FORWARD. I THANK ALL OF YOU
22 FOR THAT TIME. THE MEASURE WAS, AS STATED BEFORE,
23 OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY. IN MY ROLE IN THIS
24 ROLE, I AM IN OPPOSITION OF THIS RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE 30
25 PERCENT, LET ALONE 4 OF 30 PERCENT, IN THE COOPERATIVE FUNDING

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1 -- THE COMPETITIVE FUNDING SOURCE AS THERE'S ALREADY
2 ADDITIONAL POINTS IN THE SCORING MATRIX FOR THE HIGH AND VERY
3 HIGH NEED AREAS. SO I BELIEVE THAT SUPPORTING THIS WOULD WOULD
4 DIMINISH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU SO
5 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, JOHN. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 SERVICE ON THE COMMITTEE. BUT COLLEAGUES, THIS IS THE ONE I
9 WAS TALKING ABOUT WHO IT WAS MY APPOINTEE AND IS OPPOSING WHAT
10 WE'RE DOING HERE TODAY. AND BY THE WAY, I HEARD FROM YOUR
11 MAYOR, MAYOR FURY, LOUD AND CLEAR LAST NIGHT.

12

13 **JOHN JONES:** HE SAYS HI.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU. BUT THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE
16 ANYWAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **KATE SACHNOFF:** MY NAME IS KATE SACHNOFF. I'M WITH THE LONG
19 BEACH ALLIANCE FOR FOOD AND FITNESS. WE'RE A COMMUNITY
20 COLLABORATION AIMED AT MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE THE EASY
21 CHOICE. AND WE WORK TO CHANGE PUBLIC POLICIES TO REDUCE
22 DIABETES, OBESITY, AND RELATED CHRONIC DISEASES. SO AS YOU MAY
23 KNOW, LONG BEACH IS A DIVERSE CITY IN A MYRIAD OF WAYS
24 INCLUDING PARK ACCESS. SO THE STUDY, AS YOU KNOW, IDENTIFIED
25 TWO HIGH NEED AREAS AND ONE VERY HIGH NEED AREA IN LONG BEACH.

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1 NEIGHBORHOOD DENSITY IS ANOTHER ASPECT OF THIS. FOR EXAMPLE,
2 MCARTHUR PARK IN CENTRAL LONG BEACH IS SURROUNDED IN A HALF
3 MILE RADIUS BY 25,000 RESIDENTS. APPROXIMATELY 8600 OF THEM
4 ARE YOUTH. 1600 ARE SENIORS. AND OVER 6,000 OF THEM HAVE NO
5 ACCESS TO A CAR TO GET TO SOME OF THOSE OTHER SPACES. SO THESE
6 AREAS IN NEED ALSO EXPERIENCE HIGH POVERTY RATES, HIGH OBESITY
7 RATES AND HIGH ASTHMA RATES. SO EACH OF THESE INTENSIFY THE
8 NEED FOR GREEN SPACE. WE SUPPORT THE ITEM AS AMENDED
9 ESPECIALLY TO KEEP THIS 30 PERCENT FLOOR AND TO ENSURE THAT
10 PROJECTS ARE LOCATED IN THE HIGH NEED AND VERY HIGH NEED
11 AREAS.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **JASHIN LIBERTO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JASHIN LIBERTO. AND I'M A
17 RESIDENT OF WALNUT PARK AND ALSO PART OF THE SOUTHEAST L.A.
18 COALITION. I'D LIKE TO SHARE MY LITTLE NEPHEW'S STORY SINCE HE
19 CANNOT BE HERE TODAY. HE'S AT SCHOOL. JOSEPH, ALSO A RESIDENT
20 OF WALNUT PARK, HAS HAD A FEW RELATED ROADBLOCKS THROUGHOUT
21 HIS YOUNG LIFE, ASTHMA, SEVERE BODY ACHES, SEVERE HEADACHES,
22 DEPRESSION, AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT COMES WITH AN IMMUNE
23 SYSTEM DISORDER, GRAVES DISEASE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC. EVERY DAY
24 HE IS REMINDED THAT HE LIVES IN AN INDUSTRIAL AREA OF
25 SOUTHEAST L.A. AND THAT PUNGENT FUMES THAT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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1 FACTORIES EXPEL WON'T GO AWAY ANY TIME SOON. POST THOUSANDS OF
2 DOLLARS IN MEDICINE AND MANY SCHOOL ABSENCES LATER, JOSEPH'S
3 RESILIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE INSPIRES ME TODAY, THE REASON WHY
4 I'M HERE. TODAY JOSEPH'S IN HIS EIGHTH YEAR AS AN HONOR ROLL
5 IN A GIFTED S.T.E.M. MAGNET PROGRAM IN BELL HIGH SCHOOL AND
6 PART OF C.P.A. YOUTH PROGRAM. HE'S ADOPTED A VEGGIE DIET WHICH
7 HAS GIVEN HIM THE ENERGY TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR HIS
8 COMMUNITY'S RIGHTS AS WELL AS THOSE OF HIS BELOVED ANIMAL
9 FRIENDS. HE ASKED ME TO ASK YOU IF YOU ALL COULD PLEASE DO
10 YOUR PART AND SUPPORT MEASURE A. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH WE NEED A TRANSLATOR. HOLD ON.

15

16 **JUANA BASILIO:** OH THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET'S START OVER. AND YOU GET TWO MINUTES.

19 OKAY. GO AHEAD.

20

21 **JUANA BASILIO:** MY NAME IS JUANA BASILIO. I COME FROM PACOIMA

22 BEAUTIFUL, AND I AM HERE BECAUSE WE NEED MORE PARKS, MORE

23 PARKS AND MORE TREES IN THE PARKS. WE NEED THE PLACE TO BE

24 CLEANED UP BECAUSE THE PARKS THAT WE HAVE ARE DIRTY. WE NEED

25 MORE SECURITY FOR THE CHILDREN BECAUSE IN THE PARKS THAT WE

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1 HAVE, THERE ARE MANY DANGERS FOR CHILDREN. AND I BELIEVE THAT
2 ALL FAMILIES NEED A PARK THAT FEELS SECURE FOR EVERYBODY. WE
3 ALSO NEED WATER AND BATHROOMS, CLEAN BATHROOMS. AND THERE IS
4 TRASH ALL OVER THE PLACE IN THE BATHROOMS THAT WE HAVE NOW. IF
5 WE HAVE CLEAN PARKS, WE WOULD HAVE A BETTER PLACE FOR OUR
6 CHILDREN, A HEALTHIER PLACE, SINCE MANY OF OUR CHILDREN ARE
7 STARTING TO SUFFER FROM DISEASES SUCH AS CANCER, AND DIABETES.
8 AND IT'S ALL DUE TO THE CONTAMINATION IN THE PARKS. THANK YOU
9 FOR YOUR TIME AND HAVE A GOOD DAY.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. DO YOU HAVE MORE NAMES TO CALL UP?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
14 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME AND
15 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU? ROXANNE LERMA, KAYLEIGH WADE, KEEGAN
16 MCCHESENEY, VICTOR PRECIADO, LAURA SANTOS, LAURA CORTEZ, LAUREN
17 AHKIAM, LOURDES GARCIA, MANUEL CARILLO, MARIA TORRES, MARIA
18 PEDROZA, MARIA CONTRERAS, MARIA SABEDRA, MARIA ELENA CHAVEZ,
19 MARILU MANCILLA, AND MARTHA HERNANDEZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23 **GRACIELA CABEZAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GRACIELA CABEZAS.
24 I COME FROM SOUTHEAST L.A. I COME FROM A COMMUNITY THAT HAS
25 PARKS THAT HAVE GREAT NECESSITIES AT THIS TIME. AND IT'S

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1 CALLED, THE ORGANIZATION IS CALLED LEADER PARENTS IN ACTION.
2 IT'S THE S.B.C.C. WHICH MEANS MEMBERS OF THE COALITION FOR
3 NATURE FOR ALL. I AM GRATEFUL TO THE PEOPLE THAT VOTED FOR
4 THE MEASURE A AND THE COALITION. WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE
5 PARKS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR THE RIVERS AND THE MOUNTAINS IN
6 SAN GABRIEL. WE WANT TO TELL YOU, MS. HILDA SOLIS, THAT WE ARE
7 VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOU FOR SUPPORTING US. AND THANK YOU FOR
8 BRINGING EQUITY TO THE LATIN COMMUNITIES. WE HAVEN'T HAD THE
9 EQUITY AND THE FUNDS NEEDED FOR OUR COMMUNITIES IN DECADES. IT
10 IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO HAVE CLEAN AIR AND
11 THE PARKS WITH NATURE THAT BRINGS THAT CLEAN AIR.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **GARCIELA CABEZAS:** WE NEED BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE, AND WE
16 DESERVE IT. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **JESUS FRANCO:** HI, MY NAME IS JESUS FRANCO. I'M AN INTERN AT
21 COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT AND PAST YOUTH MEMBER,
22 ALSO RESIDENT OF SOUTH GATE. AND I'D LIKE TO -- I BROUGHT IN
23 TESTIMONIALS WRITTEN BY YOUTH MEMBERS WHICH OUR ORGANIZATION
24 ORGANIZES ALONG WITH ADULT MEMBER PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT I'LL
25 PASS AROUND. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE WANT

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1 PARKS IN THESE AREAS. AND WE WANT EQUITY NOT JUST BECAUSE IT
2 LOOKS PRETTY OR BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE LOVE NATURE. IT'S
3 BECAUSE PARKS ARE ESSENTIAL TO LIVEABILITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES
4 AND SURVIVING IN THESE COMMUNITIES WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH
5 INDUSTRY SURROUNDING US. I'M LITERALLY A NEIGHBOR TO VERNON, A
6 HUGE INDUSTRIAL CITY, AND THEY KEEP POLLUTING OUR
7 NEIGHBORHOODS. AND AGENCIES, ADMINISTRATORS, ELECTED OFFICIALS
8 HAVE NO PROBLEM PLACING FREEWAYS, FACTORIES, AND OIL
9 REFINERIES IN OUR BACKYARDS, SO THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN
10 PLACING PARKS IN THESE AREAS. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ECHO THE
11 PREVIOUS COMMENT ABOUT ANTI-DISPLACEMENT MEASURES THAT I HOPE
12 THAT THIS BOARD CAN TAKE BECAUSE WE WANT TO ENJOY THESE PARKS,
13 BUT WE CAN'T DO SO IF WE'RE RENTED OUT OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
14 THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **MANUEL CARILLO:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
19 MANUAL CARILLO, JR., DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY
20 SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK. I'M HERE TODAY TO
21 RECOGNIZE YOUR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP IN THE EXTRAORDINARY
22 EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL COUNTY
23 RESIDENTS THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE A, AS WELL AS TO
24 ADVOCATE FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE CURRENT FUNDING
25 STRUCTURE FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AND PARK EQUITY. IN

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1 THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK, WE ARE VERY PARK POOR. WE ONLY HAVE
2 .03 PARK ACRES PER THOUSAND. LET ME REPEAT THAT. 0.3 PARK
3 ACRES PER THOUSAND VERSUS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 3.3 ACRES
4 PER THOUSAND. THAT EQUATES TO 22 PERCENT OF THE CITY OF
5 BALDWIN PARK LIVES WITHIN A HALF MILE OF A PARK COMPARED TO
6 THE AVERAGE COUNTY WHICH IS 49 PERCENT. THEREFORE, I URGE YOU
7 TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF MEASURE A AS IT WAS PRESENTED TO
8 THE VOTERS. LOSING A 30 PERCENT SET ASIDE FOR DISADVANTAGED
9 PARK POOR COMMUNITIES WILL CREATE A LONG TERM DETRIMENTAL
10 IMPACT ON BALDWIN PARK AND ITS 80,000 RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **VICTOR PRECIADO:** MY NAME IS VICTOR PRECIADO. AND I AM HAVE THE
15 HONOR OF SERVING THE CITY OF POMONA AS A COUNCILMEMBER. I'M
16 ALSO AN EMPLOYEE EACH OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION
17 CORPS. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING TRUE TO THE PROMISE MADE
18 TO THE VOTERS 2016 TO SET ASIDE 30 PERCENT FOR THE HIGH AND
19 VERY HIGH NEEDS AREAS. PARKS ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO ME AS
20 I REPRESENT SOUTH POMONA WHERE PARKS HAVE BEEN MET WITH THE
21 HIGHEST NEGLECT AND LACK OF RESOURCES. THIS WILL GIVE US A
22 BOOST THAT THE IS MUCH NEEDED JUST TO TRY TO GET OUR PARKS
23 BACK TO A USABLE STANDARD. THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR
24 SUPPORT TODAY AND ESPECIALLY IN DISTRICT 1. THANK YOU HILDA
25 SOLIS FOR CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR EQUITY IN THE FIGHT OF EVERY

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1 FAMILY IN L.A. COUNTY TO HAVE AND ENJOY OUR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD
2 PARKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **LAURA CORTEZ:** GOOD MORNING, LAURA CORTEZ WITH EAST YARD
7 COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AS A MEMBER AND
8 ORGANIZER AND A RESIDENT OF BELL GARDENS WHICH IS A VERY HIGH
9 NEED AREA. SO, I'M HERE TO SUPPORT MEASURE A AS STEP TOWARDS
10 EQUITY. EQUITY IN THIS INSTANCE MEANS THAT THE COMMUNITIES OF
11 EAST L.A., SOUTHEAST L.A., AND LONG BEACH THAT WE WORK WITH
12 LIVE AMONG AND BUILD WITH WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE PARKS THAT WE
13 DESPERATELY DESERVE. THIS IS WHY WE SUPPORT THE 30 PERCENT
14 MINIMUM SET-ASIDE AS A MINIMUM FOR CATEGORIES 3 AND 4 FOR HIGH
15 AND VERY HIGH NEED AREAS, TO BE ABLE TO CREATE BUFFER ZONES
16 FROM INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION, TO HAVE ACTIVE AND PASSIVE GREEN
17 SPACES, AND TO HAVE TRANSPARENCY IN ALLOCATING COMMUNITY
18 RESOURCES. TO THAT LAST POINT, WE MUST ENSURE THE DEPARTMENT
19 OF PARKS AND REC IS THE LEAD AGENCY AND THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE
20 NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THIS PORTION. WE CANNOT ACHIEVE PARK
21 EQUITY WITHOUT TRANSPARENCY. AND I WANTED TO CLOSE BY SAYING
22 THAT WE SHOULD AVOID DISPLACEMENT, AS WELL, BY USING
23 COMPLEMENTING POLICIES IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **KAYLEIGH WADE:** OKAY. HI, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS KAYLEIGH WADE.

3 I'M A YOUTH ORGANIZER AT COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT,

4 SPECIFICALLY OUT OF SOUTHEAST L.A. I WANT TO START MY COMMENT

5 BY SAYING HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM

6 BUT ALSO SPECIFICALLY TO ALL THE WOMEN IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY

7 MEMBERS AND ORGANIZERS THAT CAME OUT TODAY IN ORDER TO SUPPORT

8 THIS FIGHT FOR EQUITY. SO MY MAIN FUNCTION HERE TODAY IS TO

9 ELEVATE THE VOICES OF THE YOUTH THAT COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY.

10 SO IN THE THEME OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, I DO WANT TO READ A

11 COMMENT FROM ONE OF OUR YOUNG WOMEN FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP,

12 YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. HER NAME IS PRISCILLA

13 SANCHEZ. AND SHE IS A RESIDENT OF SOUTH GATE. AND SHE SAID

14 THIS MOTION IS IMPORTANT TO HER BECAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

15 COMMUNITIES ARE MOST IN NEED OF MORE GREEN SPACES AND MORE

16 SPECIFICALLY PARKS. PARKS CREATE A QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE

17 OF ALL AGES, OPPORTUNITIES TO GET ACTIVE, ENJOY TIME AWAY FROM

18 DAILY LIFE, AND SPEND TIME SURROUNDED BY NATURE.

19 UNFORTUNATELY, THE GREEN SPACES WE DO HAVE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF

20 RENOVATIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY. YEAH, SO WE JUST WANTED TO ECHO

21 THAT AND ALSO LETTING EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM KNOW, I WORE ALL

22 GREEN TO DEMONSTRATE THE FACT THAT I HAVE MORE GREEN ON ME

23 RIGHT NOW THAN THERE IS IN ALL OF SOUTHEAST L.A. JUST LETTING

24 YOU ALL KNOW.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **ROXANNE LERMA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

4 MY NAME IS ROXANNE LERMA. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY

5 SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF

6 MAYOR VALERIE MUNOZ AND THE REST OF CITY COUNCIL. THE CITY OF

7 LA PUENTE IS HOME TO 40,000 RESIDENTS, AND WE ARE IDENTIFIED

8 AS A HIGH NEED AREA. WE HAVE ONE 22-ACRE PARK AND ONE 1.2 ACRE

9 PASSIVE PARK. THE PUSH FOR PARKS ACCESS IS TRULY COMING FROM

10 OUR RESIDENTS BUT THE CATALYST WAS YOUR COUNTY-WIDE NEEDS

11 ASSESSMENT AS IT SERVED AS A FOUNDATION FOR OUR PARKS MASTER

12 PLANNING PROCESS. WHEN MEASURE A WAS PASSED, THE CITY, HEARING

13 ITS COMMUNITY, EMBARKED UPON THAT PARKS MASTER PLAN PROCESS IN

14 ORDER TO BE READY AND COMPETITIVE FOR YOUR GRANTS. AFTER A

15 YEAR LONG PROCESS, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED ITS PARK MASTER

16 PLAN LAST MONTH. WHAT WE ARE ASKING YOU DO IS TO UPHOLD YOUR

17 PROMISE TO THE VOTERS AND NOT ONLY TO THE VOTERS BUT TO LA

18 PUENTE. SO WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR A HANDOUT. WHAT WE'RE ASKING

19 FOR IS FOR YOU TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD. WE ARE READY TO

20 COMPETE SO THAT WE CAN RISE TO THE OCCASION AND THE CHALLENGE

21 THAT YOU'VE SET BEFORE US. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **KEEGAN MCCHESENEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KEEGAN MCCHESENEY.
2 I'M WITH ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
3 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND CENTERING EQUITY. WE ARE EXCITED
4 TO SEE MEASURE A MOVING FORWARD AND APPRECIATE THE COMMITTEE
5 CHOOSING TO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS AS ELIGIBLE
6 APPLICANTS. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO
7 DISPLACEMENT PROTECTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE
8 PROPOSED MANUAL. AND WE WOULD SUPPORT STRONGER POLICY IN THIS
9 AREA. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT LOW INCOME ANGELENOS SHOULD BE
10 ABLE TO LIVE IN AN AFFORDABLE HOME AND IN A HEALTHY COMMUNITY.
11 WE WOULD ALSO LIKE THIS COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THAT AFFORDABLE
12 HOUSING DEVELOPERS BE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MEASURE A FUNDS
13 IF PARTNERING WITH NONPROFIT PARK DEVELOPERS. AND, FINALLY, WE
14 WOULD ALSO LIKE THE GIVE CONSIDERATION TO INCREASED
15 DISPLACEMENT PROTECTIONS, INCLUDING OPPORTUNITIES TO EMBED
16 TENANT PROTECTIONS AND TENANTS' RIGHT EXPERTS. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO WE NEED TO CALL UP
19 MORE NAMES?

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21 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
22 PLEASE COME FORWARD YOU HEAR YOUR NAME? MELBA MARTINEZ,
23 MELISSA GUERRERO, MICHAEL GRISSOM, MIGUEL RAMOS, MIRIAM
24 CASTRO, NAOMI HUMPHREY, NATALIE ZAPPELLA, NIKITA HOUSTON,

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1 OSCAR ALVAREZ, PILAR DIAZ, RAUL MACIAS, RAY RIOS, REINA
2 SCHMITZ, SAL HERNANDEZ, AND SALVADOR DIAZ.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. AND SPECIAL THANKS TO SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR
8 YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY.
9 I'M HERE TODAY AS A RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY IN
10 THE FOURTH DISTRICT BUT ALSO AS A CENTER DIRECTOR FOR THE
11 Y.W.C.A. EMPOWERMENT CENTER IN WALNUT PARK. AS A Y.W.C.A., WE
12 ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE AND DIGNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE.
13 UNFORTUNATELY, MANY OF THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE, INCLUDING
14 THOSE WHO RESIDE IN UNINCORPORATED WALNUT PARK, ARE NEGATIVELY
15 IMPACTED BY THE LACK OF PARKS. THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN
16 INCLUDES A GOAL TO PROVIDE 4 ACRES OF LOCAL PARK LAND PER ONE
17 THOUSAND RESIDENTS. WALNUT PARK ONLY HAS .07 ACRES OF PARK
18 SPACE PER 1,000 PEOPLE. AND 60 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS DO NOT
19 LIVE WITHIN A HALF MILE OF A PARK. THE IMPACT OF LIMITED
20 ACCESS TO GREEN SPACE CAN BE SEEN IN THE MANY HEALTH
21 DISPARITIES FACED BY THE RESIDENTS OF WALNUT PARK WHICH HAVE A
22 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER MORTALITY RATE AND CONTRIBUTED TO
23 DIABETES COMPARED TO THE OVERALL RATE IN THE COUNTY. AT 40
24 PERCENT, OBESITY RATES AMONGST CHILDREN AND TEENS ARE SLIGHTLY
25 MORE PREVALENT THAN THE COUNTY.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MARIA CURTIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARIA CURTIS. AND I AM A SOUTH LOS
10 ANGELES RESIDENT AND MEMBER OF COMMUNITY COALITION. I WOULD
11 LIKE TO ALSO CALL ATTENTION TO TWO KEY ISSUES WHICH IS PUBLIC
12 SAFETY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT. IT'S CRITICAL FOR
13 CHILDREN TO HAVE ACCESS TO PARKS IN THE HIGHEST NEED AREAS
14 BECAUSE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 0 TO 5 WE KNOW ARE VERY CRITICAL
15 YEARS WHERE THEY'RE DEVELOPING AND LEARNING THROUGH PLAY
16 MOSTLY. SO WITHOUT RESOURCES AND WITHOUT PARKS, THEY'RE UNABLE
17 TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. SECONDLY, IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD,
18 THERE ARE CHILDREN WHO PLAY IN THE STREET WHERE THERE ARE
19 CARS. THERE'S NOWHERE TO PLAY. THEY SET UP A MOCK BASKETBALL
20 CART RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET BECAUSE THEY WANT TO
21 HAVE FUN. BUT AS A PARENT MYSELF, I KNOW THAT THAT IS NOT THE
22 SAFEST WAY TO GO ABOUT IT. SO THAT IS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE.
23 LASTLY, JUST TO ECHO SOME OF THE STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE
24 BEFORE, I AM ASKING THE COUNTY TO FUND PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
25 FOR HIGHEST NEED COMMUNITIES.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. IF YOU
3 HAVE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO TURN IN, WE'LL READ IT. THANK
4 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **LAURA SANTOS:** MY NAME IS LAURA SANTOS. I WANT TO THANK THE
7 SUPERVISORS FOR THE FABULOUS PARK AND OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT. I
8 AM A COLLEGE BOARD MEMBER AT MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE LOCATED
9 IN WALNUT WHERE THERE ARE 7 ACRES OF PARK AND OPEN SPACE PER
10 THOUSAND PEOPLE. I REPRESENT BASSETT AND BALDWIN PARK
11 COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE LESS THAN 1 ACRE OF PARK AND OPEN SPACE
12 PER THOUSAND PEOPLE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE COUNTY HEALTH DATA,
13 YOU WILL SEE THAT BASSETT AND BALDWIN PARK, WHEN IT COMES TO
14 ADULT AND CHILDHOOD OBESITY, DIABETES, AND HEART DISEASE, OUR
15 RATE IS SO, SO MUCH HIGHER THAN THE ADJACENT -- NEARBY AND
16 ADJACENT AFFLUENT COMMUNITIES. SO I WANTED TO ASK THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS TODAY TO PLEASE MAINTAIN THE 30 PERCENT EQUITY
18 FUNDING BOTH IN COMPETITIVE -- IN THE COMPETITIVE FUNDS FOR
19 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, FOR PARK POOR COMMUNITIES.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE.

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24 **REINA SCHMITZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REINA SCHMITZ. THANK
25 YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON

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1 BEHALF OF THE VALINDA, WHICH IS THE FIRST DISTRICT
2 UNINCORPORATED. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I VOLUNTEERED WITH THE
3 HEALTH -- WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS IN
4 PUBLIC HEALTH WHO DID SURVEYING OF THOUSANDS OF HOMES WHO WERE
5 -- HUNDREDS OF HOMES WHO HAD PLANTED TREES IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
6 I CHOSE TO DO THE VALINDA AREA, AND I FOUND OUT HOW PROUD THE
7 RESIDENTS ARE WHO ARE NEXT TO THE GREEN GROWTH PARK WHICH IS
8 MY PARK. AND TODAY, OVER TWO YEARS AGO, I VOLUNTEERED HUNDREDS
9 OF HOURS TO CALL FOR THE VOTES OF THE MEASURE A. AND I'M HERE
10 VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU TO TAKING THESE STEPS TO MAKE IT TO
11 LIFE AND MAKE IT A REALITY FOR ALL THE UNINCORPORATED IN ALL
12 THE COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MELISSA GUERRERO:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU HONORABLE L.A.
17 COUNTY SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO PARK EQUITY. I'M
18 MELISSA GUERRERO. I'M A PROJECT MANAGER WITH THE TRUST FOR
19 PUBLIC LANDS L.A. OFFICE. WE SUPPORT THE ITEM WITH THE
20 AMENDMENT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS. T.P.L. HAS WORKED IN L.A.
21 COUNTY SINCE 1973 COMPLETING MORE THAN 54 PARK IMPROVEMENTS
22 AND ACQUIRING 11,000 ACRES. OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE HAS ALWAYS
23 BEEN AND WILL ALWAYS BE LAND FOR PEOPLE. WE APPLAUD THE
24 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND STAFF FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE GRANT
25 ADMINISTRATION MANUAL FOR MEASURE A. IT IS A GAME CHANGER THAT

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1 WILL PROVIDE PARK LAND FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE OF COLOR WHO LIVE
2 IN NEIGHBORHOODS INFLUENCED BY HISTORIC DISINVESTMENT AND
3 INCLUDING -- AND EVERYBODY ELSE, AS WELL. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO
4 TWEAK THE MANUAL PER THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE PARK EQUITY
5 ALLIANCE LETTER. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO T.P.L. IS THE
6 ADOPTION OF THE DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE POLICY TO ENSURE LONG-
7 TIME COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN VERY HIGH NEED AREAS BENEFIT FROM
8 THESE NEW PARK INVESTMENTS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR PUTTING PARK
9 EQUITY PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **PILAR DIAZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PILAR DIAZ. FOR
14 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES, I'M ONE OF THE CITY OF L.A.
15 RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONER, BUT I AM NOT HERE TO
16 REPRESENT THE CITY. I'M HERE AS AN INDIVIDUAL, AS A PARK
17 ADVOCATE, WHO UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR PARK SPACE, ESPECIALLY
18 IN LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES. I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE 30
19 PERCENT SET-ASIDE AS AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT AND AS A VOTER.
20 WHEN I VOTED IN NOVEMBER FOR MEASURE A, IT WAS BECAUSE THE
21 MEASURE PROMISED FUNDING FOR MORE PARKS IN LOW INCOME
22 COMMUNITIES. I VOTED FOR IT AS A RESIDENT AND AS A NONPROFIT
23 PROFESSIONAL WHO HAS SPENT TWO DECADES WORKING WITH YOUTH
24 ORGANIZATIONS IN WATTS, SOUTH L.A., UNINCORPORATED EAST L.A.,
25 LA PUENTE, BALDWIN PARK, AND OTHER PARTS IN PACOIMA. I LIVE IN

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1 THE WEST SIDE, AND I SEE THE DIFFERENCE IN PARKS ON THE WEST
2 SIDE WHERE I LIVE AND IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE I WORK,
3 SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. I USED TO WORK FOR A COMMUNITY
4 ORGANIZATION THAT FUNDED YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION. AND
5 THERE'S JUST REALLY A LOT OF NEED. I REALLY SUPPORT THE
6 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SO THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS GET THE MONEY.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
9 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **NIKITA HOUSTON:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NIKITA HOUSTON.
12 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE
13 COMMITTEE. I'M A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY COALITION. I VOLUNTEER ON
14 THEIR NUISANCE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE. I ALSO SUPPORT ACCESS TO
15 SAFE, WELL-MAINTAINED PARKS IN MY COMMUNITY. I LIVE AND I
16 OPERATE A SMALL BUSINESS IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. AND
17 IT'S DISTRICT 2. AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE MAPS DISPLAYED EARLIER,
18 THERE ARE NO GREEN SPACES IN MY COMMUNITY. IF YOU DID SEE ONE,
19 IT WAS VERY MINUTE. IN DISTRICT 2, WE HAVE SO MANY ILLEGAL
20 NUANCE BUSINESSES LIKE SMOKE SHOPS, DISPENSARIES, AND LIQUOR
21 STORES THAT IT'S UNSAFE TO WALK AND GET EXERCISE. I CURRENTLY
22 HAVE TO DRIVE THE CHILDREN IN MY CARE TO PARKS OUTSIDE OF MY
23 NEIGHBORHOOD. I ALSO HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD TO
24 WALK. I HAVE TO GO GET EXERCISE AT THE MALL IN BALDWIN HILLS
25 AND OTHER PLACES. SO AS A STAKEHOLDER AND AS A BUSINESS OWNER,

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1 I VOTED FOR MEASURE A BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL PROVIDE
2 US WITH ACCESS TO SAFE, WELL-MAINTAINED PARKS. AND I'M LOOKING
3 FORWARD TO SEE MEASURE A FUNDS PUT TO GOOD USE IN HIGH NEEDS
4 AREAS, ESPECIALLY MINE. SO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE TO CALL UP?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING
10 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?
11 VICTOR DURAND, TORI KJER, SOFIA GIRON, WHITNEY AMAYA, SANDRA
12 MCNEILL, TANIA ROMERO, SISSY TRINH, SEVERIAN PABLO, SCOTT
13 CHAN, SILVIA HERNANDEZ, SOFIA MALDONADO, SOPHANNAROT SAM,
14 SYLVIA ARREDONDO, VICTOR CACERES, OSCAR ALVAREZ, AND SERGIO
15 GONZALEZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **OSCAR ALVAREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS OSCAR ALVAREZ. I'M A
20 RESIDENT OF SOUTH L.A. I'M A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER AT COMMUNITY
21 COALITION. AND AS SOME OF OF THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SPEAKING
22 ABOUT, THERE'S A RISING NUMBER OF SMOKE SHOPS, NUISANCE SITES,
23 LIQUOR STORES IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THERE'S NO PARKS. AND SO
24 IN OUR PEOPLE'S POLL CONDUCTED SURVEYED 4,200 RESIDENTS, 80
25 PERCENT OF THEM WANT TO SEE MORE PARKS IN THE COMMUNITY. 80

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1 PERCENT OF THEM WANT TO SEE THE CURRENT PARKS, THE FEW CURRENT
2 PARKS THAT WE DO HAVE, YOU KNOW SOME OF THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
3 SPEAKING ABOUT RESTROOMS DON'T EVEN HAVE DOORS, DON'T HAVE
4 TOILET PAPER, DON'T HAVE GREEN GRASS. AND SO WE ARE REALLY
5 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. THERE'S ALSO CONCERN ABOUT DISPLACEMENT.
6 AND SO WE DO WANT TO SEE THE BOARD BECOME ACTIVE ABOUT PUTTING
7 EFFORTS TO -- BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY DOES DESERVE THE RIGHT TO
8 NOT BE DISPLACED BUT ALSO DESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN THE
9 COMMUNITY WITH THRIVING PARKS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **MIGUEL RAMOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S MIGUEL RAMOS. I'M WITH
14 THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND ALSO RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED
15 EAST L.A. THE NATURE CONSERVANCY IS PART OF THE OUR PARKS L.A.
16 COALITION AND HAVE SUPPORTED THE CAMPAIGN TO GET MEASURE A
17 VOTED ON. SO I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE STEERING COMMITTEE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE SETTING A MINIMUM OF 30 PERCENT
19 OF COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS FOR HIGH NEED AREAS, STRENGTHEN THE
20 LEVEL OF HIGH NEED CRITERIA WITHIN COMPETITIVE GRANTMAKING
21 PROCESSES, AND ALSO INCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TECHNICAL
22 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO FOCUS ON HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED STUDY
23 AREAS. IN ADDITION, TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED DISPLACEMENT
24 AVOIDANCE POLICY AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO ENSURE
25 ITS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO ALIGN WITH ALL THE COUNTY'S CONTINUED
2 ADVANCEMENT OF EQUITY THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE
3 GUIDELINES. I COMMEND YOU FOR HEARING ME AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE
4 TO SEE PARK EQUITY MOVED FORWARD.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **RAYMOND RIOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS RAYMOND RIOS. I'M A
9 RESIDENT FROM HILLSIDE VILLAGE IN EL CERINO. I JUST WANTED TO
10 THANK YOU FIRST OF ALL, THE SUPERVISORS, MEMBERS, FOR
11 SUPPORTING MEASURE A. IT'S BEEN LIKE AN ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS
12 BECAUSE WE WORK WITH THREE ADVISORY BOARDS IN THE AREA, HAZARD
13 PARK, LINCOLN PARK, AND ASCOT HILLS NATURE PARK. MY PURPOSE
14 HERE IS JUST TO URGE YOU THAT YOU SUPPORT THE 30 PERCENT
15 THAT'S PUT ASIDE TO ASSIST THESE AREAS, PARKS IN THE AREAS OF
16 HIGH NEED. IT IS, WE CAN TELL YOU FIRSTHAND THAT WE ARE IN
17 DIRE NEED OF FUNDING. WE HAVE PROJECTS THAT ARE LINED UP. AND
18 FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE THE GET FUNDING
19 IN EACH OF THESE. SOME OF OUR PARKS DON'T HAVE RESTROOMS,
20 EXTERIOR RESTROOMS. SOME OF US, WE'RE WORKING TOWARD
21 INTERPRETIVE CENTERS FOR OUR ASCOT HILLS NATURE PARK WHICH IS
22 A BEAUTIFUL NATURE PARK ON THE EAST SIDE. AND SO ONCE AGAIN,
23 JUST TO URGE YOU TO MAINTAIN THAT 30 PERCENT FOR HIGH NEED
24 AREAS. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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3 **NAOMI HUMPHREY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
4 IS NAOMI HUMPHREY. I RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM THOMAS JEFFERSON
5 HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AND CURRENTLY A FIRST
6 YEAR STUDENT AT U.C.L.A WHILE LIVING IN SOUTH CENTRAL, I KNEW
7 THAT OUR PARKS WEREN'T NEARLY AS WELL KEPT AS OTHER COMMUNITY
8 PARKS. GROWING UP, I WENT TO PARKS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD BUT
9 THOUGHT IT WAS A LUXURY TO GO TO AVERAGE PAGES IN DISTANT
10 COMMUNITIES. I SOON LEARNED THAT IT SHOULD BE NORMALIZED TO
11 HAVE GOOD PARKS IN YOUR OWN HOME NEIGHBORHOODS. WHEN I WAS IN
12 HIGH SCHOOL, I JOINED A PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY GROUP WHICH
13 COMPARED PARKS IN SOUTH CENTRAL TO SANTA MONICA PARKS. THIS
14 EXPERIENCE CONFIRMED MY BELIEF THAT OUR PARK SYSTEM IS
15 SIGNIFICANTLY INFERIOR. PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY TEND TO TRAVEL
16 OUTWARDS WHEN THEY WANT TO VISIT AN ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED PARK.
17 THIS SHOULD NOT BE THE CASE. PEOPLE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DRIVE TO
18 ANOTHER DISTRICT TO HAVE ACCESS TO GOOD PARKS, ESPECIALLY
19 THOSE THAT OFTEN DON'T HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO DO SO.
20 SOUTH CENTRAL NEEDS PARKS THAT ACCOMMODATE OUR POPULATION SIZE
21 AND ARE UP TO HEALTHY PARK STANDARDS. EVERYONE DESERVES PARKS
22 THAT THEY ARE PROUD TO HAVE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **RAUL MACIAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. HONORABLE LOS ANGELES
2 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RAUL MACIAS. I'M THE FOUNDER AND
3 PRESIDENT OF [INAUDIBLE] YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION, A
4 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES SERVING KIDS
5 AND FAMILIES IN HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED AREAS FROM ALL OVER
6 L.A. COUNTY. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE KIDS AND FAMILIES THAT WE
7 SERVE THAT I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO ENSURE THE MEASURE A
8 FUNDING TAKES US CLOSER TO PARK EQUITY. EVERY KID AND THEIR
9 FAMILIES DESERVES TO HAVE A GOOD QUALITY PARK NEAR THEIR
10 HOMES. WE HAVE LOS ANGELES RIO PARK IN PROXIMATE NEXT TO THE
11 D2 [INAUDIBLE], AND WE HOPE IT'S GOING TO BE A GOOD
12 DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND I ASK FOR YOU
13 TO CONSIDER -- CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PARK EQUITY
14 ALLIANCE LETTER TO MAKE PARK EQUITY A REALITY.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **RAUL MACIAS:** THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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22 **TORI KJER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE
23 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TORI KJER. AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE
24 DIRECTOR OF THE L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST. AS A NONPROFIT
25 THAT BUILDS, ACTIVATES, AND STEWARDS PARKS AND COMMUNITY

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1 GARDENS IN HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE
2 COUNTY, WE BELIEVE EVERYONE SHOULD LIVE WITHIN A HALF MILE OF
3 A PARK. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS AND THE OPEN
4 SPACE DISTRICT FOR YOUR WORK TO ADDRESS INEQUITY WITH THE
5 MEASURE A GUIDELINES. WE APPRECIATE THE TARGETED FUNDS FOR
6 PARK POOR AREAS, THE TECHNICAL AND SPECIFICALLY THE TECHNICAL
7 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED AREAS
8 AND THE ONGOING OVERSIGHT OF THAT PROGRAM, THE INCLUSION OF
9 THE DISPLACEMENT PROGRAM, AND THE 30 PERCENT FLOOR FOR EQUITY.
10 THESE EFFORTS ARE AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TO MAKING SURE GREEN
11 SPACE IS ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL ANGELENOS ESPECIALLY LOW INCOMES
12 OF COLOR WHO HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY LESS PARKS AND GREEN
13 SPACES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO
14 WORK WITH YOU ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE A TO ACHIEVE
15 THIS GOAL.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **SOPIA GIRON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS SOPIA GIRON. I AM
20 PART OF THE GREEN PARTY, A GROUP OF LEADERS THAT WORK IN SOUTH
21 CENTRAL L.A. WE ADVOCATE FOR GREEN ALLEYS, PARKS, AND GREEN
22 SPACES IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE TRUST
23 OF PUBLIC LAND. I LIVE IN DISTRICT NO. 2, THE REDDEST OF ALL
24 DISTRICTS. AND THAT MEANS THAT WE NEED MANY PARKS AND
25 URGENTLY. I HAVE TWO CHILDREN. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM

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1 HAVE ACCESS TO GREAT PARKS OF HIGH QUALITY AND IN OUR
2 COMMUNITY AND NOT HAVING TO DRIVE FAR AWAY TO OTHER CITIES OR
3 OTHER DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO ENJOY THEM. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE
4 LEADERSHIP THAT ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS HAVE BEEN DONE IN THIS
5 GREAT JOB THAT YOU ARE DOING TOWARDS EQUITY FOR PARKS IN THE
6 COMMUNITIES. AND I ASK YOU TO PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR JOB AND
7 CONSIDER TO VOTE FOR THE SUGGESTIONS, THE MANY SUGGESTIONS
8 THAT WE HAVE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE ALLIANCE OF EQUITY IN
9 PARKS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GRACIAS. NEXT SPEAKER,
12 PLEASE.

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14 **SANDRA MCNEILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SANDRA MCNEILL. I WAS
15 APPOINTED TO S.D.2 AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON BOTH THE NEEDS
16 ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEES, AND I THANK
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE. I
18 SUPPORT APPROVAL OF THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATION MANUAL AS
19 MODIFIED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION. I
20 STRONGLY ENDORSE IMPLEMENTATION OF A ROBUST TECHNICAL
21 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TARGETING HIGH NEED AND VERY HIGH NEED
22 COMMUNITIES AND FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE BOARD ON THE
23 EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT PROGRAM WITH FORMAL EVALUATION AND A
24 COMMITMENT TO CONTINUALLY FINE-TUNE TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT. I ALSO
25 ASK THE BOARD'S VIGILANCE ABOUT RISING PROPERTY VALUES AND THE

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1 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS
2 DISPLACEMENT THAT CAN COME WITH GREEN SPACE INVESTMENT AND
3 CALL FOR THE FORMATION OF A DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE TASKFORCE
4 TO RESPOND TO MEASURE A AND ALL COUNTY-DRIVEN INFRASTRUCTURE
5 INVESTMENTS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **SISSY TRINH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SISSY
10 TRINH. AND I LIVE IN S.D.5 AND WORK IN S.D.1 AS THE EXECUTIVE
11 DIRECTOR OF S.E.C.A., A YOUTH ORGANIZING GROUP IN CHINATOWN
12 AND LINCOLN HEIGHTS. FOR US, PARKS ARE SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST
13 GREEN SPACE FOR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES. ALPINE REC CENTER IS A
14 HALF ACRE PARK IN CHINATOWN THAT PROVIDES PHYSICAL OPEN SPACE
15 AND A MENTAL REPRIEVE FROM OVERCROWDED HOUSING. IT IS THE
16 COMMUNITY'S DE FACTO SENIOR CENTER, CHILDCARE CENTER, AND
17 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM. HOWEVER, PARK INVESTMENTS HAVE THE
18 POTENTIAL TO CREATE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. LANDLORDS HAVE
19 BEEN STEALING PHOTOS FROM THE STATE HISTORIC PARKS WEBSITE IN
20 THEIR MARKETING MATERIALS WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY ENGAGING IN
21 ILLEGAL HARASSMENT AND EVICTIONS OF LOW INCOME TENANTS. WE
22 WANT TO THANK OUR P.O.S.D. AND SPECIFICALLY JANE BEESLEY FOR
23 HER LEADERSHIP IN DRAFTING THE DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE POLICY
24 AND ASK THAT THE COUNTY ENSURE ITS EFFECTIVENESS BY
25 ESTABLISHING A TASKFORCE MADE UP OF HOUSING AND TENANTS'

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1 RIGHTS EXPERTS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION, AND THAT TENANTS'
2 RIGHTS EDUCATION BE INCLUDED AS A FUNDED REQUIREMENT OF THE
3 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PLANNING REQUIREMENTS OF MEASURE A.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. DO WE HAVE MORE NAMES TO
6 CALL?

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
9 PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? VICTOR TRUJILLO,
10 HERMAN HERMAN, AND DARRELL KRUSE. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND
11 STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **ANTONIA ROMERO:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. ANTONIO ROMERO, AND I'M
16 WITH THE AUDOBON CENTER AT DEBS PARK. I'M JUST HERE TO SHARE A
17 LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY STORY. I GREW UP IN SOUTH CENTRAL HIGHLAND
18 PARK. AND ALL MY PASSIONS FOR OUTDOORS WERE LINKED TO OPEN
19 PUBLIC GREEN SPACE, SPECIFICALLY REC PARKS AND BEACHES. I
20 LEARNED TO SWIM THERE, PLAY A VARIETY OF SPORTS, PARTICIPATE
21 IN MULTIPLE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. MY PASSION FOR
22 THE OUTDOORS STARTED THERE. I DEVELOPED SKILLS THERE THAT THEN
23 BECAME TRANSFERABLE TO THE BIGGER OUTDOORS OF THE MOUNTAINS,
24 DESERT, CANYONS. I'VE LED BACKPACKING TRIPS. AND THAT'S REALLY
25 WHERE MY SPARK FOR THE OUTDOORS STARTED. THESE SMALL POCKETS

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1 OF GREEN SPACES IS WHAT LED ME TO PURSUE A MAJOR IN THE
2 CONSERVATION FIELD AND NOW WORK UNDER THE AUDUBON SOCIETY, ONE
3 OF THE LEADING CONSERVATION NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. I
4 DEFINITELY GIVE THAT CREDIT NOT ONLY TO MY MOM BUT THESE SMALL
5 POCKETS OF GREEN SPACE. IN HIGH NEED AREAS IS WHERE WE NEED
6 PARKS MAINTENANCE AND PROGRAMMING THE MOST. I WAS INSPIRED BY
7 JUST THESE SMALL POCKETS WITH LIMITED RESOURCES. NOW I CAN
8 ONLY IMAGINE WHAT MORE ACCESS AND BETTER PARKS COULD LOOK
9 LIKE. HIGH AND VERY HIGH NEED AREAS DESERVE AT LEAST THAT 30
10 PERCENT.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **WHITNEY AMAYA:** HIGH, MY NAME IS WHITNEY AMAYA. AND I'M A
15 RESIDENT OF WEST LONG BEACH AND MEMBER OF EAST YARD
16 COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. I AM HERE TO ASK THAT
17 THE SUPERVISORS ESTABLISH COMMITMENTS THAT WOULD GIVE PROJECTS
18 LOCATED IN HIGH OR VERY HIGH NEEDS AREAS MAXIMUM POINTS. THE
19 CURRENT LANGUAGE STATES THAT QUALIFYING PROJECTS SHOULD SERVE
20 OR BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF VERY HIGH OR HIGH NEEDS AREAS, BUT
21 THAT IS NOT ENOUGH. AS A RESIDENT LIVING IN A VERY HIGH NEEDS
22 AREA WHERE WE ARE BOMBARDED AND SURROUNDED BY POLLUTION COMING
23 FROM DIESEL TRUCKS, REFINERIES, THE PORTS, AN INCINERATOR, AND
24 A RAILYARD, WE NEED MORE PARKS. AND WE NEED MORE GREEN OPEN
25 SPACES. AND WE NEED THEM TO BE LOCATED WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES

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1 NOT ADJACENT TO US. I ALSO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION THAT A
2 MINIMUM OF 30 PERCENT OF COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS BE SET ASIDE
3 FOR VERY HIGH AND HIGH NEEDS AREAS AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 PARKS AND RECREATION BE THE LEAD AGENCY IN MAINTAINING AND
5 UPDATING THE COUNTY-WIDE PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT. I WOULD ALSO
6 ASK THAT THERE IS A DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE POLICY BECAUSE EVEN
7 IF WE DO GET THESE PARKS, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ENJOY THEM AND
8 NOT BE PRICED OUT OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **SOPHANNAROT SAM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
13 IS SOPHANNAROT SAM. AND I'M A YOUTH TRAINER AT THE SOUTHEAST
14 ASIAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE LOCATED IN CHINATOWN, C.D.1. FIRST
15 OFF, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
16 DISTRICT FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THE ISSUE. WE'RE HERE IN
17 SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED DISPLACEMENT AVOIDANCE POLICY. THIS IS
18 IMPORTANT TO US BECAUSE OUR YOUTH COME FROM EXTREMELY LOW
19 INCOME BACKGROUNDS AND ARE VULNERABLE TO DISPLACEMENT. OUR
20 FAMILIES WORK SOMETIMES MULTIPLE JOBS IN THE GARMENT AND
21 RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH THE RISING COSTS
22 OF RENT AND LIVING. SEVERAL OF THEM ARE ONLY ONE RENT INCREASE
23 AWAY FROM BECOMING HOMELESS. OFTENTIMES, IN ORDER TO AVOID
24 DISPLACEMENT, OUR FAMILIES DOUBLE UP IN SEVERELY OVERCROWDED
25 HOMES. ONE OF OUR YOUTH EVEN SHARED THAT THEIR FAMILY OF FOUR

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1 LIVES IN THEIR UNCONVERTED GARAGE IN ORDER TO SAVE ON THE COST
2 OF RENT. NOT ONLY DO THEY LACK THE LUXURY OF TIME AND
3 RESOURCES TO ORGANIZE AGAINST DISPLACEMENT, THEY ALSO NEED A
4 WELL --- TO BE WELL EDUCATED ON TENANTS RIGHTS. SO INCLUDING
5 TENANTS RIGHTS INFO WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THEM.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **SERGIO GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SERGIO GONZALEZ. AND I'M THE CITY
11 MANAGER OF THE CITY OF AZUSA. I WANT THE FIRST COMMEND YOU ON
12 A VERY BOTTOM-UP APPROACH FOR THIS PROCESS. THE CITY OF AZUSA
13 IS NOT CONSIDERED A HIGH OR VERY HIGH NEED COMMUNITY, BUT WE
14 DO HAVE AREAS IN THE CITY THAT ARE PARK DEPRIVED, PARTICULARLY
15 IN INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING AREAS. SO WHY
16 WOULD WE SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND THE 30 PERCENT? BECAUSE WE
17 BELIEVE THAT THE SETTING ASIDE FUNDS FOR AREAS THAT ARE VERY
18 HIGH OR HIGH NEED PROVIDES AMENITIES FOR THOSE WHO WOULD NOT
19 HAVE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES. CITY AMENITIES LIKE PARKS,
20 PLAYGROUNDS, AND OPEN SPACES ARE PART OF WHAT MAKES OUR CITIES
21 HEALTHIER AND LONGER LIVED. PARKS NEED TO BE ACCESSIBLE BY ALL
22 IN ORDER FOR COMMUNITIES TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF THIS
23 IMPORTANT COMMUNITY RESOURCE. OUR RESIDENTS SHOULD AND WANT TO
24 LEAD MORE ACTIVE LIVES. HAVING MORE PARKS AND PLAY SPACES IN
25 OUR COMMUNITY MAKES THE CHOICE TO BE MORE ACTIVE AN EASY

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1 CHOICE. THANK YOU FOR THE PROCESS. AND WE SUPPORT THE
2 AMENDMENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **VICTOR TRUJILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VICTOR TRUJILLO.
7 PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL, YEAH I GREW UP ALL MY LIFE THERE. IT'S A
8 GREAT PLACE. THEY'RE RIGHT, THOUGH. CHAIRS KNOW NOTHING. BUT
9 WHEN TYPHUS CAME OUT IN OCTOBER, WE LOOKED AT AN EPIDEMIC. NOW
10 WE GOT AN EPIDEMIC. THE PARK'S BEEN DIRTY PURPOSELY. FOR YEARS
11 PARKS HAVE BEEN USED DIFFERENT CITIES TO DROP PEOPLE WHEN THEY
12 DIE FROM DRUGS, DISEASES. THIS NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT UNDER A
13 MICROSCOPE. WE NEED CAMERAS IN THE PARKS FIRST. WE NEED TO
14 FIND OUT IF OUR WORKERS ARE WORKING. IF NOBODY IS FIXING THE
15 BATHROOMS, FIXING THE TOILETS, WE'RE OVER HERE CRYING YADDA,
16 YADDA, YADDA, BALONEY. WE NEED TO FIX THIS THING. PUT AN
17 EFFORT. PUT PEOPLE TO WORK. LET'S ACT LIKE INDIANS, NATIVES,
18 BUT LET'S DO SOMETHING THAT WE'RE NOT DOING. WE'RE PLAYING
19 WITH THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY. WE'RE BALONEY SCREAMING AND MAKING
20 EVERYBODY SEEM HAPPY, BUT IN REALITY WE DON'T GOT THE PARKS.
21 L.A. DOESN'T HAVE A PARK. IT HAS JUST A BIG. AND WE'RE SITTING
22 OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT. I WAS THERE. I WAS GOING TO
23 BUILD MY TRUCK STOP. I BELIEVE IN LAKE L.A. I BELIEVE IN LOS
24 ANGELES. BUT PLEASE CHANGE YOUR MENTALITY. BRING IN NEW PEOPLE

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1 NOT A HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT'S BEEN DOING THESE PROBLEMS SINCE
2 EVER. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I NO SEE RECOMMENDATION. YOU BUILD PARKS. YOU TAKE
7 AWAY HOUSING. WE NO AFFORD NO PLACE LIKE HOME IN NEIGHBORHOOD
8 PARKS BECAUSE WE ARE CHASED OUT. PEOPLE ARE SO-CALLED
9 DISCRIMINATE AGAINST LANDSCAPE SERVICE CONTRACTS. WE GO TO
10 PARK TO PLAY. WE NEED PLACE TO PLAY SO I TOO WONTON PLAY. NOT
11 WONTON SOUP L.A. BUT PLAY. YOU TELL ME I NO KNOW LONGER LIVE
12 IN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK. YOU DON'T CLEAN PARK BECAUSE YOU HAVE NO
13 MONEY. NO MONEY TO GIVE TO HOMELESS PEOPLE TO GET HELL OUT MY
14 PARK. SO I CAN ENJOY MENTAL HEALTH DAY WITH ALL THOSE WHO
15 SUFFER DISABILITIES. YOU KNOW DAMN WELL LANDSCAPING IMPORTANT.
16 YOU DON'T TRIM TREES. YOU DON'T DEBRIEF ROOTS. NOW, I AM
17 UPSET. YOU MAKE YOU ME ANGRY. NOW I TELL PEOPLE HOW YOU MAKE
18 FEEL.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **DARRELL KRUSE:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM DARRELL KRUSE. IN
23 2006, I HAD A MEETING WITH RICK VALESQUEZ SCHEDULED. IT WAS TO
24 DISCUSS MY VARIANCE FOR MY DISPENSARY. I SEE ONE OF THE
25 PROBLEMS WAS I WAS WITHIN A THOUSAND FEET OF ONE OF THEM DIRTY

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1 DISGUSTING PARKS. SO I COULDN'T. I WAS ALSO WITHIN A THOUSAND
2 FEET OF SOME [EXPLETIVE] CHURCHES. BUT MY PROBLEM WITH THIS IS
3 THE DOCTOR. SHE CAME IN HERE NOVEMBER 7TH, 2017, AND SHE LIED
4 ABOUT THE HEALTH EQUITY PROGRAM ABOUT WHERE THE DISPENSARIES
5 WERE LOCATED. AND THEN SHE HAD THE SAME KIND OF MAPS AND THE
6 SAME KIND OF TESTIMONY. AND I'M JUST WONDERING IF SHE'S LYING
7 AGAIN JUST BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO BE A SHILL FOR THE BOARD.
8 THAT'S MY QUESTION. AND THE OTHER QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH THE
9 WORKING GROUPS. THERE ARE A BUNCH OF SHILLS TOO. AT LEAST THEY
10 WERE IN THE MARIJUANA THING. NOT ONE OF THEM WAS A RESPONSIBLE
11 PERSON WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE INDUSTRY AND WHEN I WAS
12 IN THERE IN 2005.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE
15 THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS FOR THIS ITEM?

16

17 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THOSE ARE ALL THE SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, ITEM S-1 IS BEFORE US. BEFORE I ASK
20 YOU TO MAKE SOME CLOSING REMARKS, I DID WANT TO APPRECIATE
21 EVERYONE THAT DID COME DOWN HERE TO SPEAK ON THIS. AND I WILL
22 SAY SOME OF THE COMMENTS ABOUT POLLUTION AND, YOU KNOW, THOSE
23 WHO EITHER MAY ALREADY HAVE OPEN SPACE OR ARE LOOKING FOR IT
24 THROUGH THIS STILL WILL BE PLAGUED BY POLLUTION AND EMISSIONS
25 IN THEIR AIR, WHICH MAKES RECREATING IN OPEN SPACE MORE

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1 DIFFICULT. SO I JUST WANT TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW THAT I KNOW
2 THIS BOARD IS MORE THAN COMMITTED AS WITH OUR ROLE ON METRO OR
3 A.Q.M.D. THAT WE ARE DOUBLING DOWN OUR EFFORTS TO RID OUR AIR
4 OF DIRTY POLLUTANTS THAT COME FROM TRUCKS AND CARS AND PORTS
5 AND INDUSTRY BECAUSE ONCE WE BEGIN SPENDING THIS MONEY AND
6 BUILDING PARKS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE AIR THAT PEOPLE
7 ARE BREATHING AS THEY RECREATE IS SOMEWHAT CLEANER THAN IT IS
8 TODAY. SO THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO REMINDED US OF HOW IMPORTANT
9 THE AIR IS, AS WELL. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, DID YOU WANT TO MAKE
10 SOME CLOSING REMARKS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO MUCH HAS BEEN SAID. I'M REMINDED ABOUT THE
13 DISCUSSION BACK IN WASHINGTON ABOUT THE NEW GREEN DEAL. THIS
14 IS OUR DEAL. AND IT'S LOCAL. IT'S ORGANIC. AND IT CAME ABOUT
15 BECAUSE OF THE ADVOCACY OF THE FOLKS THAT YOU HEARD FROM TODAY
16 AND MANY OTHERS THAT COULDN'T COME. AND I REALLY WANT TO GIVE
17 A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF THEM. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK THIS
18 BOARD AND THEIR STAFFS FOR WORKING WITH US AND OUR DEPARTMENT
19 HEADS WHO CAME AND TESTIFIED EARLIER. I REALLY AM APPRECIATIVE
20 AND APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE FOLKS THAT ARE WORKING BEHIND THE
21 SCENES ON THIS AND WANT TO AGAIN THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
22 HER STAUNCH SUPPORT ON OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE. WE HAD MANY A
23 CONVERSATION REGARDING ESTABLISHING CONSERVANCIES. IN FACT,
24 THE RIVER MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY, IT WAS A BRANCH OF OFF OF
25 SANTA MONICA BECAUSE FOLKS IN MY AREA SAID WE WANT OUR OWN.

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1 AND THINGS HAPPEN. THEY EVOLVE. AND I THINK THIS PROCESS IS
2 ALLOWING THAT TO HAPPEN AGAIN. BUT I'M REALLY PROUD OF THE
3 YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT CAME OUT HERE TODAY AND
4 JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. MUCHAS GRACIAS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER OF MY COLLEAGUES WOULD
7 LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? OKAY. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'S
8 A RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT. SO IT'LL BE MOVED BY -- AS AMENDED,
9 RIGHT? OR DO WE HAVE TO VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT?

10

11 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** S-1 IS RECEIVE AND FILE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND 1-P IS THE -- OKAY. SO S-1 IS BEFORE US,
14 AND THAT'S A RECEIVE AND FILE. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
15 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE ARE NO
16 OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND
17 NOW 1-P IS BEFORE US.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AS AMENDED.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED. OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM AS AMENDED.
23 IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, SEEING NONE,
24 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. [APPLAUSE] ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT
25 EVERYONE BEHAVED VERY WELL DURING OVER 110 PUBLIC SPEAKERS. SO

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1 I WANTED TO COMMEND THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE FOR THEIR RESPECT,
2 ALMOST ALL OF THEM. OKAY. NOW WE ARE -- ARE WE ON PUBLIC
3 COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY THE BOARD. SO IT'S APPROPRIATE AT
4 THIS TIME TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
5 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THIS BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT
6 HELD BY THE SUPERVISORS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
7 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP.

8

9 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. DR. GENEVIEVE
10 CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 2, 8, 11,
11 16, 19, 24, 35, 50, 51, AND CS-1. ERIC PREVEN HAS REQUESTED TO
12 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1, 19, 21, 24, 25, 33, 35, 37, 41,
13 43, 53, 54, 57-B, 57-C, CS-1, AND CS-2. GEORGE BUZZETTI HAS
14 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 2, 19, 24, 35, 41. RED
15 CHIEF HUNT ON ITEM 43. HERMAN HERMAN ON ITEMS 1, 2, 8, 11, 16,
16 19, 21, 24, 25, 33, 35, 40, 41, 43, 50, 53, 54, 57-B, 57-C,
17 CS-1, AND CS-2, AND CS-3. AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE
18 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 16, JENNA MIARA, NISHA
19 KASHYAP, RHONDA SURLES, MARTHA CASTRO, BRISAS ZAPATA, MARIA
20 HERNANDEZ, MARIA TIRADO, NORMANDINA SANDOVAL, MIGUEL CHAVOYA,
21 MARIA TORRES, FILEMON FLORES, MARIELA REYES, ANTIOCO TORRES.
22 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. PLEASE PROCEED.

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT'S ERIC
2 PREVEN FROM STUDIO CITY, THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND I NOTICED 57-
3 B IS AN ITEM ABOUT A TIME CAPSULE FOR FORT MOORE. AND I WANT
4 TO GO BACK IN TIME TO WHEN THE COST OF LITIGATION AND COUNTY
5 RISK REPORT WERE BROUGHT OUT TO THE PUBLIC BY STEVE ESTABROOK
6 OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND BY MR. ROBLES OF THE RISK DEPARTMENT
7 AND C.E.O.'S OFFICE. LAST YEAR, THEY CANCELED THAT, AND THAT
8 IS A BIG RED FLAG. FOR THE RECORD, WE ARE STILL HOVERING
9 AROUND 2.23 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S ENORMOUS BUDGET FOR RISK
10 AND LITIGATION. HALF OF THE GENERAL LIABILITY, WELL ACTUALLY
11 THE COUNTY PAID -- WAS UP 38 PERCENT IN JUDGMENTS THIS YEAR.
12 THAT MEANS IN LITIGATIONS WHERE THE COURT FINDS AGAINST THE
13 COUNTY. THE OVERALL NUMBER WAS SLIGHTLY BETTER, BUT THIS IS
14 NOT A GOOD SIGN. AND THE QUESTION OF APPEALS IS ALSO BROUGHT
15 UP. AND THE COUNTY HAD HAD A PRETTY GOOD BATTING AVERAGE ON
16 APPEALS, 27 OUT OF 28. BUT MARY WICKHAM, WHO IS TALKING DURING
17 MY PRESENTATION, REMEMBERS THE HERIBERTO RODRIGUEZ CASE WHERE
18 SHEILA KUEHL, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND HILDA SOLIS ALL SIGNED
19 OFF ON MARCH 3RD, 2015 ON DOUBLING DOWN ON EXTREME TASERING
20 FACTS AND THE QUALIFIED IMMUNITY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
21 ADMINISTERING THOSE EXTREME TASERING FACTS. SO THIS WAS A
22 HORROR SHOW FOR THE PEOPLE, YET WE DIDN'T KNOW BECAUSE THE
23 COUNTY DECIDED, HEY, WE HAVE AN IDEA. LET'S APPEAL IT AGAIN,
24 ATTENUATING IT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. SO I THINK THE FOLKS ARE
25 TAKING NOTICE IN THE BIG CONTROVERSY WITH THE SHERIFF, WHO'S

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1 NEW, WHO IS TRYING TO, YOU KNOW, RECTIFY, I BELIEVE, SOME OF
2 THOSE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN STORIES REPORTED, AND I DON'T%
3 KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO'S ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED.
4 BUT TO MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT, AND WHEN THIS BOARD IS,
5 YOU KNOW, ENGAGED THEMSELVES IN LOOKING AWAY ENDLESSLY FROM
6 WRONGDOING, IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND, FRANKLY. AND WE ALSO,
7 THAT CASE, BY THE WAY, DIDN'T EVEN HIT THIS REPORT. WHAT HIT
8 THIS REPORT I BELIEVE WAS THE LOSS ON THE DENIAL OF THE
9 C.P.R.A. REQUEST THAT I ALSO HAD TO BRING A MATTER ON THAT
10 ONE. I JUST THINK THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO BE MORE FORTHRIGHT
11 AND BRING THE FACTS OUT TO PEOPLE. WE WERE LOOKING REMEMBER ON
12 RISK ON PROBATION BECAUSE WE HAVE BIG ISSUES IN THE PROBATION
13 DEPARTMENT. IT'S TRUE. THEY APPARENTLY SOMETHING LIKE IN TERMS
14 OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO DEAL WITH WORKERS' COMP, A VERY HIGH
15 PERCENTAGE WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED, OVEREXERTED COME FROM THE
16 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I THOUGHT THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO COME
17 OUT, BUT IT WON'T COME OUT TODAY BECAUSE YOU CANCELED THE
18 REPORT, WHICH IS A WORST PRACTICE. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT A
19 WORST PRACTICE. I KNOW REMEMBER WHEN GLORIA MOLINA SAT THERE.
20 AND SHE WOULD GRAPPLE WITH THE LAWYER, WHO I FORGET THE NAME
21 OF THAT COUNTY COUNSEL, SAYING PLEASE WE NEED THIS INFORMATION
22 BY SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. NOW, WHAT ARE WE AT? MARCH. AND THIS
23 IS INTOLERABLE THAT THERE'S NOT A PRESENTATION. IT IS
24 RETROGRADE, AND IT DESERVES THE MOST ROBUST YOU KNOW RESPONSE,
25 WHICH IS GET THESE FOLKS TO MAKE THE REPORT. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **JENNA MIARA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 16. MY
5 NAME IS JENNA MIARA. AND I'M THE DIRECTING ATTORNEY FOR IMPACT
6 LITIGATION AND POLICY AT BET TZEDEK, A NONPROFIT THAT PROVIDES
7 FREE LEGAL HELP TO LOW INCOME RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY, INCLUDING TO MANY OF THE VULNERABLE HOMEOWNERS WHOSE
9 FINANCES ARE IN SHAMBLES AND WHOSE HOMES HAVE BEEN LOST OR PUT
10 AT RISK AS A RESULT OF THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. I THANK YOU FOR
11 YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION TO THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. PLAIN AND
12 SIMPLE, THIS IS A HOUSING CRISIS WITH OMINOUS PARALLELS TO THE
13 FORECLOSURE CRISIS OF THE LATE 2000S. AS WE WERE THEN, FOR THE
14 PAST THREE YEARS, BET TZEDEK HAS BEEN INUNDATED WITH CALLS
15 FROM LOW INCOME RESIDENTS DESPERATE TO SAVE THEIR HOMES.
16 APPROXIMATELY ONE IN FIVE OF THOSE CALLERS ARE IN THE
17 FORECLOSURE PROCESS OR ARE SELLING THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THEY
18 CAN'T AFFORD THEIR P.A.C.E. PAYMENTS. AS YOU WILL HEAR FROM
19 MANY OF THE SPEAKERS WHO WILL COME AFTER ME, THESE HOMEOWNERS
20 ARE OVERWHELMINGLY ELDERLY, VETERANS, MONOLINGUAL SPANISH
21 SPEAKERS, AND SICK OR DISABLED. THEY HAVE OFTEN LIVED IN THEIR
22 HOMES FOR DECADES, SLOWLY BUILDING EQUITY AND A VALUABLE ASSET
23 AS WELL AS A SAFE AND SECURE PLACE TO LIVE FOR THEM AND THEIR
24 FAMILIES. THEY TYPICALLY HAVE A SMALL FIXED INCOME SUCH AS
25 SOCIAL SECURITY OR MODEST PENSION OF A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS OR

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1 LESS A MONTH. AFTER SIGNING UP FOR THE P.A.C.E. FINANCING,
2 THEIR PROPERTY TAXES CAN JUMP FROM UNDER A THOUSAND DOLLARS A
3 YEAR TO 5,000 OR 10,000 OR EVEN MORE. THEIR INCOME IS
4 UNCHANGED. THEIR ENERGY SAVINGS ARE RELATIVELY MODEST OR
5 NONEXISTENT. AND THE MATH IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE. THESE
6 HOMEOWNERS TAKE EXTREME MEASURES TO SAVE THEIR HOMES, COMING
7 OUT OF RETIREMENT TO TAKE MINIMUM WAGE JOBS, TAKING SECOND OR
8 THIRD JOBS, RELYING ON THE GENEROSITY OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY,
9 TAKING IN BORDERS, AND EVEN COLLECTING RECYCLABLES. AND THE
10 SHAME AND EMOTIONAL STRESS CAN BE UNBEARABLE. OUR CLIENTS
11 REPORT ULCERS, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, TROUBLE SLEEPING,
12 MIGRAINES, DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, AND MARITAL PROBLEMS AS THEY
13 CONTEMPLATE THE LOSS OF THEIR HOME. MOREOVER, BASED ON WHAT
14 WE'RE SEEING AND HEARING, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE MOST
15 NEGATIVE P.A.C.E. OUTCOMES ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY FELT BY LOW
16 INCOME PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY FACING GENTRIFYING PRESSURES
17 AND EXPERIENCING A TRANSFER OF WEALTH OUTSIDE OF THEIR
18 COMMUNITIES. IN THIS TIME OF WIDESPREAD HOUSING INSTABILITY
19 AND HOMELESSNESS IN OUR REGION, OUR COMMUNITIES CAN ILL AFFORD
20 LONG TIME RESIDENTS TO LOSE THEIR HOMES AS A RESULT OF THE
21 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND WE'LL
24 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

25

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1 **RHONDA SURLES:** HELLO, MY NAME IS RHONDA SURLES. I AM SPEAKING
2 ON ITEM 16. I AM A MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE FOR CALIFORNIANS FOR
3 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT. I AM A HOMEOWNER IN DISTRICT 2. AND I
4 AM A VICTIM OF THE FRAUD, THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. I WAS APPROVED
5 FOR LOANS BUT HAD NOTHING DONE ON MY PROPERTY BECAUSE MY
6 CONTRACTOR WAS PAID IN FULL BY THE PROGRAM THEN FILED
7 BANKRUPTCY. MY PLANS WAS TO BUILD A GRANNY FLAT FOR EXTRA
8 INCOME TO INCREASE MY PROPERTY VALUE THEN PAY THE LOAN OFF.
9 NOW, I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING AN UNAFFORDABLE LOAN. I AM IN
10 JEOPARDY OF LOSING MY HOME BECAUSE OF THIS. WHILE WE ARE
11 FIGHTING TO HAVE THE LOANS AND LIENS RESCINDED, WE ARE ASKING
12 FOR A HALT ON THE LOANS AND LIENS UNTIL WE CAN GET THEM
13 RESOLVED. BEFORE THE CONTRACTORS FILED BANKRUPTCY, THEY LEFT
14 MANY OF OUR HOMES WITH UNFINISHED CONSTRUCTION, LEAVING HOMES
15 VULNERABLE TO THE CLIMATE. WE ARE ASKING THAT THE SUPERVISORS
16 USE THEIR CONNECTIONS AND INFLUENCES TO GET THESE PROJECTS
17 COMPLETED. IF THE LENDERS ARE NOT GOING TO COMPLY OR RESCIND
18 THE LOANS, PLEASE HELP US RENEGOTIATE FOR A REASONABLE
19 PERCENTAGE RATE AND POSSIBLY LOWER THE LOAN AMOUNTS. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR THAT TESTIMONY. AND YOU'LL
23 BE AT THE MEETING THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS THIS IN GREATER
24 DETAIL. WE APPRECIATE THAT.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

2

3 **MARIA TORRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

6

7 **MARIA TORRES:** MY NAME IS MARIA TORRES. AND I'M IN FAVOR OF
8 THIS MOTION TO IMPLEMENT PROTECTIONS FOR US, THE CONSUMER, THE
9 HOMEOWNER, AGAINST THESE P.A.C.E. PROGRAMS, WHICH, AS YOU
10 KNOW, HAVE MANY FLAWS THAT ARE EASILY BEING MANIPULATED BY
11 UNSCRUPULOUS CONTRACTORS TO STEAL OUR HARD EARNED HOME EQUITY
12 AND LEAVE US HOMELESS. I'M HERE FOR THE THIRD TIME TO SHARE
13 THAT IN JANUARY 2018, I WAS OFFERED TO LEGALIZE MY GARAGE INTO
14 A TWO-BEDROOM HOME BY ECO SOLAR HOME IMPROVEMENT. THE CATCH,
15 NO CREDIT CHECK, NO MONEY DOWN, NO PAYMENTS FOR A YEAR. THEY
16 WOULD TAKE OUT ALL THE LOANS AND ALL THE PERMITS, AND IN TWO
17 MONTHS, MY NEW HOME WOULD BE COMPLETE. ECO SOLAR FILED FOR
18 BANKRUPTCY. THE CONTRACTOR RETAINED AN ATTORNEY. AND THE TWO
19 P.A.C.E. LENDERS REJECTED MY CLAIMS. WHAT I WAS ACTUALLY LEFT
20 WITH BESIDES LOSS OF SLEEP AND STRESS WAS UNFINISHED
21 CONSTRUCTION AND P.A.C.E. LOANS FOR \$63,000. NO ONE WANTS TO
22 LOSE THEIR HOME. IT'S BEEN A YEAR'S STRUGGLE. SOMEONE NEEDS TO
23 TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. I'D LIKE TO SEE THESE PREDATORY LENDERS
24 OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY. I'D LIKE TO SEE A SOLUTION TO MY PROBLEM
25 AND TO THOSE THOUSANDS IN MY SITUATION. BUT THIS MOTION IS A

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1 START TO AVOID MORE PEOPLE FOR FALLING INTO THIS TRAP. I THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **BRISAS ZAPATA:** MY NAME IS BRISAS ZAPATA. I'M A MEMBER OF
7 A.C.E., AND A HOMEOWNER IN DISTRICT 2. I SUPPORT THE
8 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION ON THE P.A.C.E.
9 PROGRAM. BUT WE DEMAND FROM THE P.A.C.E. ADMINISTRATOR TO
10 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. I'M A SENIOR VICTIM OF FRAUD THROUGH
11 THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. NO WORK WAS DONE ON MY PROPERTY BY THE
12 CONTRACT, GREEN NATION TODAY, WHO FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY. A LIEN
13 OF 96,000 WAS PUT ON MY PROPERTY TAXES. I AM ASKING IN THE
14 NAME OF 70 PLUS HOMEOWNERS LIKE MYSELF INSIDE THE L.A.
15 DISTRICT WHO ARE ALSO IN DANGER OF LOSING THEIR HOME, PLEASE
16 REFORM THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. MAKE ALL PARTIES RESPONSIBLE.
17 HAVE THEM GET ALL THE PERMITS. DO THE HOME INSPECTION. MAKE
18 SURE WORK IS DONE IN ORDER TO PUT LIENS IN OUR PROPERTY. WE
19 APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **MARIA TIRADO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA TIRADO. I AM
24 A WIDOW WITH THREE KIDS, TWO GRANDCHILDREN. I'M FROM THE SAN
25 FERNANDO VALLEY. I WAS A VICTIM OF A FRAUDULENT LOAN, WHICH

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1 WAS PLACED ON MY PROPERTY TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,000.
2 THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE COMPANY IN QUESTION THAT WAS SUPPOSED
3 TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON THE PROPERTY WENT INTO
4 BANKRUPTCY. IT IS NOT JUST NOW THAT THE PROPERTY TAXES HAVE
5 INCREASED. AND NOW I'M RUNNING THE RISK OF LOSING THE
6 PROPERTIES. I ASK YOU TO HELP US OUT AND ALSO ALLOW US TO
7 CONFRONT THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM SO THEY CAN FORGIVE OUR LOANS SO
8 WE WILL NO LONGER RUN THE RISK OF LOSING OUR PROPERTIES. THANK
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **NISHA KASHYAP:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 16.
14 MY NAME IS NISHA KASHYAP. AND I AM A STAFF ATTORNEY IN THE
15 CONSUMER LAW PROJECT AT PUBLIC COUNSEL. WE ECHO THE COMMENTS
16 MADE BY MISS MIARA FROM BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES AND THANK
17 THE BOARD FOR ITS TIME AND ATTENTION TO OUR COMMENTS. PUBLIC
18 COUNSEL IS ONE OF THE FEW LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS IN LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY THAT SPECIALIZES IN CONSUMER LAW. IN THE PAST
20 THREE YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN FLOODED WITH CALLS FROM HOMEOWNERS
21 IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS OR AT RISK OF FORECLOSURE DUE TO
22 FRAUDULENT OR PREDATORY P.A.C.E. LOANS. IN FACT, THIS IS THE
23 SINGLE LARGEST ISSUE OF ITS KIND THAT WE HAVE SEEN SINCE THE
24 FORECLOSURE CRISIS OF 2008. WE APPLAUD THE BOARD'S INTENTION
25 TO DOCUMENT THE IMPACT OF P.A.C.E. ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 HOMEOWNERS. THE BOARD'S MOTION INSTRUCTS COUNTY AGENCIES TO
2 DEVELOP A MAP OF THE HOMES WITH P.A.C.E. LOANS THAT ARE IN TAX
3 DEFAULT. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT IS NOT ENOUGH TO CAPTURE THE TRUE
4 NUMBER OF HOMES AT RISK OF FORECLOSURE DUE TO P.A.C.E.
5 P.A.C.E. CAN ADD THOUSANDS OR EVEN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
6 DOLLARS TO A HOMEOWNER'S TAX BILL EACH YEAR. BUT DESPITE THIS
7 ENORMOUS ADDITIONAL EXPENSE, IN OUR EXPERIENCE, VERY FEW HOME
8 OWNERS WITH P.A.C.E. LOANS EXPERIENCE TAX DEFAULT. INSTEAD,
9 THEY FACE DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE IN OTHER WAYS. IF A
10 HOMEOWNER WITH A MORTGAGE IS UNABLE TO PAY THEIR FULL PROPERTY
11 TAX BILL WITH THE ADDITIONAL P.A.C.E. ASSESSMENT, THE MORTGAGE
12 SERVICER WILL STEP IN AND PAY THE BILL FOR THEM. IF THE
13 HOMEOWNER IS UNABLE TO REPAY THE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF
14 P.A.C.E. ASSESSMENT TO THEIR MORTGAGE SERVICER, ON TOP OF
15 THEIR EXISTING MORTGAGE, THE MORTGAGE SERVICER CAN INITIATE
16 DEFAULT AND FORECLOSE ON THE HOME. THIS TYPE OF FORECLOSURE
17 THAT I HAVE JUST DESCRIBED IS NOT THE RESULT OF A TAX DEFAULT
18 AND WOULD NOT BE DOCUMENTED IN THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED MAP, BUT
19 IT'S NONETHELESS THE DIRECT RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE
20 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO DOCUMENT AND
21 ADDRESS THE FULL RANGE OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS CAUSED BY
22 P.A.C.E., NOT JUST THE SMALL MINORITY PRESENT IN THE FORM OF A
23 TAX DEFAULT.

24
25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **MARTHA CASTRO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARTHA. I AM A
3 MEMBER OF A.C.E. I LIVE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. I AM HERE
4 TODAY BECAUSE I AM A VICTIM OF FRAUD. YOU ALL KNOW WHICH FRAUD
5 THAT IS. IN EVERY DISTRICT THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES WHO ARE
6 VICTIMS WHO FALL VICTIM TO THIS TYPE OF FRAUD. I'M HERE TODAY
7 SEEKING JUSTICE FOR ALL OF US. YOU CAN ALL HELP US OUT BY
8 REQUIRING THAT THE LOANS BE FORGIVEN, THE LIENS ON OUR
9 PROPERTIES CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSORS. AS AN ASSESSOR,
10 THEY CAN SEE THAT NO IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, AND THEY'VE
11 JUST BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US. PLEASE PLACE A STOP ON THIS.
12 WE ARE AT THE POINT OF AT THE RISK OF LOSING OUR HOMES. MY
13 PAYMENT WAS INITIALLY 1,200. NOW IN APRIL, THE PAYMENT WILL
14 INCREASE TO 3,600. PLEASE PUT A STOP TO THIS. THAT'S WHY I'M
15 IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **MIGUEL CHAVOYA:** MY NAME IS MIGUEL CHAVOYA. THANK YOU,
21 SUPERVISORS, FOR ATTENDING TO US. I COME HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR
22 SUPPORT. I BELONG TO THE A.C.E. SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT 2. WE
23 WANT TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AGAINST THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
24 COMMITTING FRAUD AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS. SINCE SENIORS' MIND
25 IS SLOWING DOWN, WE BECOME PREY TO SUCH CON MEN. THIS CON MAN

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1 CAME AND INSTALLED A SOLAR HEATER, WATER HEATER, WHICH DOES
2 NOT WORK. AND THAT IS THE REASON WHY I'M HERE ASKING FOR YOUR
3 SUPPORT. SO, SUPERVISORS, I REALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
4 AND WE DO HOPE AND EXPECT THAT YOU HELP US.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MARIA REYES:** MY NAME IS MARIA REYES. SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS,
9 PLEASE. I AM SLEEPING WITH MY DISABLED KID IN THE LIVING ROOM
10 BECAUSE OF THE FRAUDULENT PRACTICES BY THE CONTRACTORS. I OWE
11 \$104,000. I USED TO PAY 1,400. I NOW PAY 2,700. PLEASE HELP
12 ME.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **NORMANDINA SANDOVAL:** MY NAME IS NORMA SANDOVAL. AND I'M HERE
17 WITH ALL THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN
18 SUPPORT US BECAUSE WE ARE -- SO I'M HERE BECAUSE OF THE
19 INFLUENCE THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE HAD WHICH THEY HAVE --
20 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BUILD SOMETHING. AND THEY DIDN'T. AND
21 WE'RE STILL GETTING CHARGED FOR THE TAXES. HOW CAN WE BE
22 CHARGED FOR TAXES ON SOMETHING THAT WAS NEVER DONE? SO IF THEY
23 ARE CHARGING US FOR TAXES, WHY IS IT THAT THEY DON'T SEND A
24 SUPERVISOR TO CHECK WHETHER THE JOB HAS BEEN DONE OR NOT? MY
25 PAYMENT USED TO BE \$1800. IT IS NOW \$2800. SO IT WENT UP A

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1 THOUSAND DOLLARS. I HAVE HAD TO GET ANOTHER JOB IN ORDER TO
2 MAKE THAT PAYMENT SINCE I AM BY MYSELF. I DO HOPE AND EXPECT
3 THAT YOU LISTEN TO US AND THAT YOU SUPPORT US.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO YOU HAVE MORE
6 SPEAKERS? OKAY.

7

8 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** KENNETH BATISTE, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
9 FORWARD? HE'S REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM CS-2.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

12

13 **MARIA HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA HERNANDEZ. I
14 AM A MEMBER OF A.C.E. I LIVE IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL
15 DISTRICT. I HAD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 IN WHICH
16 THE CONTRACTOR DID NOT FULFILL THEIR CONTRACT. HOW CAN THEY
17 EXPECT FOR ME TO PAY FOR THE AMOUNT IF THEY DID NOT COMPLETE
18 ANY WORK? I ASK YOU TO PLEASE HELP US. SO THEY CAN FORGIVE
19 THOSE LOANS. THANK YOU TO THE SUPERVISORS. I REQUEST THAT YOU
20 HELP US OUT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK ON -- ?

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A BRIEF WORD, MADAM CHAIR. I
2 APPRECIATE THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO ADDRESS THE ITEMS. AND I
3 THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS COLLECTIVE SUPPORT TAKING A DEEPER
4 LOOK INTO THE P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. AND I WOULD SAY THAT THE
5 COUNTY-ADMINISTERED P.A.C.E. PROGRAM HAS NUMEROUS CONSUMER
6 PROTECTIONS AND QUALITY ASSURANCES THAT HAVE BEEN
7 OPERATIONALIZED. THAT IS NOT THE CASE WITH PROGRAMS THAT HAVE
8 BEEN SET UP OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY. THIS BOARD HAS INSISTED ON
9 THAT. THIS MOTION INTRODUCED BY BOTH SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
10 MYSELF REFLECTS THE SENTIMENT OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD
11 THAT THE MANY OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING AND THE
12 THINGS THAT WE HAVE HEARD TODAY ARE SIMPLY EGREGIOUS. AND
13 WHILE THERE ARE VARYING DEGREES OF ISSUES AND COMPLAINTS, WE
14 HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN SUPPORTING AND PROTECTING CONSUMERS IN
15 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THE RECENT STATEWIDE
16 LEGISLATION HAS ENHANCED CONSUMER PROTECTIONS. AND THIS IS
17 ASSOCIATED WITH A RATHER SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF
18 P.A.C.E. PROJECTS. BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS MOTION THAT'S
19 OFFERED TODAY REFLECTS OUR LACK OF SATISFACTION THAT WE ARE
20 DOING ALL THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD BE DOING TO PREVENT PREDATORY
21 LENDING TYPE ACTIVITIES. SO TODAY, WE ARE INTENDING TO ELEVATE
22 THIS ISSUE. MADAM CHAIR, I APPRECIATE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND
23 WEIGHING IN ON THIS ISSUE. YOU'VE BEEN A LONG-TERM ADVOCATE ON
24 THIS MATTER. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THANKS FOR YOUR STANDUP ON THIS

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1 ISSUE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE SAME. WE ARE ALL AT ONE. AND WE
2 WILL NOT TURN BACK. MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING
5 THIS HIGHLIGHTED THERE. IT'S SUCH A PROBLEM FOR SO MANY OF OUR
6 CONSTITUENTS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT'S AWFUL, JUST AWFUL.**

9

10 **>>HERMAN HERMAN:** MY FELLOW AMERICANS, DID YOU NOT HEAR THE
11 OUTCRY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS? WOMEN, WOMEN BEING DESTROYED,
12 HAVING THEMSELVES DISPLACED DUE TO OVERCHARGES AND RIDICULOUS
13 LIENS, THE SAME WAY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS A HISTORY OF
14 PLACING LIENS ON YOUR PROPERTY FOR YOUR TRASH, YOUR DEBRIS,
15 WHICH YOU TREASURE AS PART OF YOUR HOME. SO WHEN IN NEED OR IN
16 TROUBLE, COME TO MISS HAHN. THE CHAIR WILL FIX THE PROBLEM.
17 LOOK WHAT HILDA SOLIS DID. SHE TOOK THE TIME TO GO DOWN THERE
18 AND SPEAK TO ONE OF THE WOMEN TO PREVENT THEM FROM LOSING
19 THEIR HOME OVER A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS. YOU WORK ALL YOUR LIFE
20 HERE AS AN IMMIGRANT. AND YOU'RE ATTACKED BY THE L.L.C.S OF
21 THIS COUNTRY. HORRIBLE, ISN'T IT? ISN'T THAT HORRIBLE? I THINK
22 IT'S HORRIBLE. BUT LET'S GO BACK TO WHAT I WAS HERE TO SPEAK
23 ABOUT. WHEN I ATTENDED TO MEET WITH JUDGE LAURA S-T-R-E-I-M-E-
24 R, MISS STREIMER, IN DIVISION 95 D, MISS WICKHAM, AS WE HAD
25 OUR DISCUSSION ON MENTAL HEALTH, CIVIL COMMITMENT, AND REFORM

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1 TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE TARGETED BY STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST
2 THE PUBLIC IN RETALIATION FOR THEIR OUTCRY OF ADVOCACY HERE IN
3 THIS CHAMBER OR ANY AGENDA-IZED CHAMBER. SO WE MUST STOP THIS
4 AND PREVENT GEORGE BUZZETTI FROM BEING TARGETED BY OUR L.L.C.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** WELL, THIS IS GEORGE BUZZETTI. AND THESE
10 LADIES -- I WAS JUST GOING TO SPEAK ON MY ISSUES, BUT I TALKED
11 TO THESE LADIES. AND THANK YOU, HILDA, YOU NEVER HEARD ME SAY
12 THIS, AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, TOO. BUT I'M A FAIR GUY, AND YOU ALL
13 KNOW IT. I'VE GOT A LONG HISTORY, LONGER THAN ANY OF YOU HERE.
14 AND YOU'VE BEEN ATTACKING ME, AND YOU'RE ATTACKING THESE
15 LADIES. THESE ARE LADIES THAT WORKED THEIR WHOLE LIFE. THEY
16 FOLLOWED EVERY RULE. TALKING TO THEM JUST RIPPED MY HEART OUT
17 LIKE SOMEBODY STUCK A KNIFE IN ME AGAIN. AND YOU PEOPLE
18 RECEIVED THE EMAIL FROM ME YESTERDAY. AND YOU KNOW OF THE
19 SERIOUS HEART CONDITIONS AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH, I'M NOT
20 MENTAL HEALTH, PHYSICAL HEALTH CONDITIONS I HAVE BECAUSE OF
21 MARY THE WICKED WITCH WICKHAM AND YOU. FIVE YEARS PREVENTING
22 ME FROM HAVING ANY HEALTHCARE AT ALL. WHEN I WENT TO SEE THE
23 LAST DOCTOR, SAMURANO, I WENT TO AETNA THINKING AFTER EIGHT
24 HEALTHCARE COMPANIES, MAYBE I COULD GET ONE TO WHERE I COULD
25 GO. I RECORD THE CALL WITH AETNA WITH THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE AND

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1 ME ON THE PHONE MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF 4864 SANTA MONICA. I
2 GET THERE. THE LADY'S ON THE PHONE WITH AETNA. I HEAR HER SAY,
3 "I'LL TELL HIM." SHE SAYS, "YOU DON'T HAVE AN APPOINTMENT
4 HERE." JUST LIKE YOU'RE DOING TO THESE LADIES. YOU'RE TAKING
5 IT. ONLY YOU'RE TAKING MY LIFE AWAY. NOW, I HAVE RECORDED YOU,
6 JANICE HAHN OFFICE, AND LOADED UP ONTO MY YOUTUBE SITE AND THE
7 D.A. WHERE THE HELL'S MY EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE FIVE YEARS LATE?
8 WHY DO YOUR STUPID JUDGES NOT KNOW ANY EVIDENCE LAW OR WHO'S
9 THE LEGAL PROSECUTOR. WHY IS BRAD LUND, A DISNEY HEIR OF
10 \$100,000,000 IN PATENT, AND ME AND HERMAN AND WAYNE AND VICTOR
11 ALL WATCHED. MY ATTORNEY, WHO'S BRAD LUND'S ATTORNEY, AND THE
12 SAME STUPID JUDGE LONGORIA TREAT THIS MAN LIKE SO MUCH TRASH.
13 PEOPLE, HERE'S A GUY WORTH \$100 MILLION WITH NO FAMILY MEMBER,
14 NO LAWYER, NOBODY BUT US WATCHING THIS HAPPEN. WE'RE GOING TO
15 GET HIM OUT OF THERE. AND IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME MY STUFF, AND
16 IF I DIE, YOU ARE ALL GOING TO BE IN A FEDERAL PRISON FOR LIFE
17 OR THE DEATH PENALTY, SO YOU BETTER STOP THIS [EXPLETIVE]
18 BEFORE THURSDAY BECAUSE YOUR STUPID MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE SAY
19 THEY DON'T HAVE MY PHONE NUMBER. AND YET, WHAT IS THE NUMBER
20 ON THE TOP OF MY WEBSITE? AND WHAT NUMBER DO YOU GIVE THEM
21 WHEN YOU'RE ARRESTED? AND YOU HAD ME ILLEGALLY ARRESTED,
22 DIDN'T YOU? SO YOU BETTER CLEAN UP YOUR ACT.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. WE NEED TO CALL UP MORE.

25

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1 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** NOW, ANSWER. WHERE IS MY EXCULPATORY
2 EVIDENCE?

3

4 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** DARRELL KRUSE HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
5 BOARD ON ITEMS 16, 53, AND 54. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GIVING HONOR TO GOD.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AMEN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** SOMETIMES, WE NEED TO LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE'S
14 PROBLEMS TO GO AHEAD AND REALIZE THAT OURS ARE NOT SO BIG.
15 SOMETIMES, WE GO THROUGH DESPAIR. AND WE WONDER WHY WE'RE
16 PICKED TO GO THROUGH THAT DESPAIR. I'VE EXPERIENCED WHAT SOME
17 OF THESE LADIES HAVE GONE THROUGH. IT TAKES A TOLL ON YOUR
18 SLEEP. IT MESSES WITH YOUR EATING. IT MESSES WITH YOUR NERVES.
19 IT MESSES WITH JUST YOUR WHOLE PEACE OF MIND. WHEN YOU DID
20 EVERYTHING RIGHT, BUT YET AND STILL THERE'S A PREDATOR THERE
21 JUST WANTING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE. SO, WHATEVER THE COUNTY COULD
22 DO BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD AND NOW
23 THEY'RE WORKING SECOND JOBS TO GO AHEAD AND TRY TO MAKE IT
24 RIGHT, WE ARE THAT ARE AS FORTUNATE SHOULD GO AHEAD AND DO
25 EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO MAKE SURE THESE PEOPLE GET THEIR

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1 JUST. THE SECOND THING I CAME TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WAS THE
2 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE PEPPER SPRAY.
3 YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER, I WAS THERE WHEN A KID GOT KILLED IN '93
4 AT THE HANDS OF THE STAFF AND L.P. IN THE SPECIAL HANDLING
5 UNIT. AND BY ME WORKING IN THE SPECIAL HANDLING UNIT IN
6 CENTRAL, IT WAS A DIRECT EFFECT ON ME. ALSO YOU HAVE TO
7 REMEMBER, THERE'S PEOPLE WHO BROKE INTO THE JUVENILE HALL,
8 MEXICAN MAFIA, TO BREAK KIDS OUT. YES. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AT
9 A POINT WHERE WE MUST DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR EVERYBODY, NOT PUT
10 THE STAFF IN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT OR THE KIDS.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
13 PLEASE.

14

15 **DARRELL KRUSE:** THANK YOU. I AM DARRELL KRUSE. AND I DON'T LIKE
16 THE GIVEAWAYS AND BAD ACTS BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND THEN THE
17 COUNTY HAS TO -- BASICALLY, THE TAXPAYERS HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.
18 YOU GOT THIS IN A LOT, A LOT OF THE DEPARTMENTS. AND ON ITEM
19 16, I'M JUST NOT SURE THAT THIS IS A WHOLE LOT -- LIKE THEY
20 SAID, IT'S NOT A WHOLE LOT DIFFERENT THAN THAT FAKE PARKS
21 THING, YOU KNOW, WHERE THEY'RE JUST GIVING AWAY MONEY. BACK IN
22 2008, PEOPLE ACTED LIKE THEY WERE UNDER WATER IN HOMES. AND
23 THEY HAD TO GET RELIEF. IT WAS A HOME. IT WASN'T AN
24 INVESTMENT. YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE THERE. YOU BOUGHT IT. YOU
25 MADE AN AGREEMENT. I'M SURE THESE PEOPLE, WHEN I BOUGHT MY

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1 SOLAR SYSTEM BACK IN 2001, AND THEN I DREW UP THE PLANS TO
2 HAVE IT INSTALLED AND WENT TO THE COUNTY, AND THEY HAD ALL
3 THEIR PROBLEMS AND WHATEVER. BUT EVENTUALLY, IT WAS APPROVED.
4 I STARTED TO INSTALL IT, AND THEN THE STATE SAID THE
5 CERTIFICATION ON MY EQUIPMENT WAS NO GOOD. I DIDN'T RUN TO NO
6 GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND TELL THEM I WANT MY \$50,000 BACK. I HAD
7 AN AGREEMENT, AND I DID IT. I'M NOT SURE WHY THESE PEOPLE WHO
8 HAD PROBLEMS WITH THEIR CONSTRUCTION WORK THAT THEY HAD OR
9 WHATEVER, IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN HAVE A
10 PROBLEM. IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANY CONTRACTOR TO TAKE MORE THAN 10
11 PERCENT OF THE JOB UP FRONT. SO HOW COULD THERE BE ANY PROBLEM
12 AT ALL? YOU DON'T GIVE THEM MORE MONEY UNTIL THEY GET MOVING
13 ANOTHER STEP FORWARD. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY ANYBODY IS
14 ASKING FOR ANY HELP RIGHT NOW UNLESS THEY WERE STUPID. THANKS.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER REMAINING
17 PEOPLE TO BE CALLED UP ON THIS ITEM?

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** NO OTHER SPEAKERS, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT INCLUDES THE SPEAKERS WHO SIGNED
22 UP FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
23 INDICATE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS WHICH WE WILL NOW BE VOTING.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1, 2, 8,
2 11, 16, 19, 21, 24, 25, 33, 35, 37, 40, 41, 43, 50, 51, 53,
3 54, 57-B, AND 57-C.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. COLLEAGUES, THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US.
6 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
7 KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AT THIS
8 TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON
9 ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO
10 STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS --

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. THANK
14 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. AND I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR COAUTHORING THIS MOTION WITH ME. MAY I
16 SIMPLY SAY THE FOLLOWING, THE BOARD HAS LONG RECOGNIZED THAT,
17 WHILE LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS AN INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN MAKING THE
18 PUBLIC SAFE, IT CANNOT ACCOMPLISH THIS WITHOUT THE PUBLIC'S
19 TRUST. MANY CONTROVERSIES OVER THE PAST DECADE HAVE ADVERSELY
20 AFFECTED THAT TRUST PLACED IN OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND IN
21 RESPONSE, THIS BOARD HAS INSTITUTED A RANGE OF REFORMS,
22 INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERSIGHT MECHANISMS AND NAMELY
23 THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
24 COMMISSION AND MORE. AND I WANT TO SAY, IN ADDITION TO THAT,
25 CHANGES MADE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN 2013 AND IN 2016

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1 TO SUPPORT A HIGH DEGREE OF STAFF PROFESSIONALISM AND
2 ACCOUNTABILITY, ALL OF THAT HAS BEEN IMPORTANT. COLLECTIVELY,
3 THESE ACTIONS WERE INTENDED TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
4 IMPORTANT REFORMS. AND THOSE REFORMS WERE DESIGNED TO ENSURE
5 ACCOUNTABILITY AND TO REBUILD THE PUBLIC'S TRUST IN OUR
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE REHIRING OF PREVIOUSLY TERMINATED
7 SHERIFF DEPUTIES IN AN INHERENTLY -- IS AN INHERENTLY
8 SENSITIVE MATTER THAT REQUIRES REVIEW, TRANSPARENCY, AND A
9 VETTED FORMAL PROCESS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED
10 REEVALUATING CASES OF PREVIOUSLY TERMINATED DEPUTIES THROUGH A
11 QUOTE/UNQUOTE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION. THE
12 DECISION TO USE THE TERM TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IS CONTRARY
13 TO THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMISSION CONCEIVED IN
14 POST-APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH WAS A TRANSPARENT PROCESS
15 OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE BASED ON PUBLIC CONFESSION AND
16 FORGIVENESS. ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS CONCERN THAT THE BOARD --
17 THAT THE ACTIONS TAKEN ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE BOARD'S
18 FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY AND EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD
19 AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO CONTROL LITIGATION. WE MUST TAKE AN
20 UNPRECEDENTED, AND TO SOME EXTENT UNCOMFORTABLE, POSITION ON
21 THIS ISSUE BECAUSE IT IS NECESSARY. WE CANNOT ALLOW THE LAST
22 DECADE OF REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO BE ABANDONED. MADAM
23 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I WOULD NOW LIKE TO READ IN THE SUMMARY
24 OF A MOTION TO BE HEARD NEXT WEEK TO ENSURE THAT THE
25 DEPARTMENT'S WORK ON THIS MATTER IS TRANSPARENT AND HAS THE

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1 NECESSARY OVERSIGHT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS MOTION REQUESTS
2 A REPORT BACK ON THE LEGALITY OF THE PROPOSED TRUTH AND
3 RECONCILIATION COMMISSION AND THE MERITS OF APPEALING THE
4 DECISION OF THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMISSION. ADDITIONALLY,
5 IT INSTRUCTS THE SHERIFF TO DISCONTINUE THE WORK ON THE TRUTH
6 AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION UNTIL RELEVANT LEGAL QUESTIONS
7 AND ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. IT FURTHER INSTRUCTS THE
8 SHERIFF TO WORK WITH THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THE
9 INSPECTOR GENERAL, AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT
10 A TRANSPARENT AND OBJECTIVE PROTOCOL TO EVALUATE PREVIOUSLY
11 IMPOSED DISCIPLINE. AND, FINALLY, IT DIRECTS THE INSPECTOR
12 GENERAL AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED
13 OF THE SHERIFF'S WORK TO REINSTATE PREVIOUSLY DISCHARGED
14 DEPUTIES. THE MOTION IS HERE FOR OUR REVIEW. WE WILL TAKE IT
15 UP NEXT WEEK. I'LL UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT WE TAKE ALL OF
16 THIS VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY BUT FEEL OBLIGED TO DO SO IN THE
17 INTEREST OF HONORING OUR RESPECTIVE OATHS AND IN THE INTEREST
18 OF PUBLIC SAFETY. MADAM CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, THAT WILL BE REFERRED TO A
21 FUTURE AGENDA. AND NOW, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE
22 PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THIS BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE
23 WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THIS BOARD. CALL UP
24 THOSE PEOPLE.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
2 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? HERMAN HERMAN, DARRELL
3 KRUSE, ERIC PREVEN, GEORGE BUZZETTI, JAMES ESSEX, JAVIER
4 GARCIA, KENNETH BATISTE, LARRY LAVEN. LAURA CORTEZ. RED CHIEF
5 HUNT. WHITNEY AMAYA. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
6 YOU.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANKS, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.
9 AND I TAKE NOTE OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S READ-IN MOTION
10 ABOUT THE CONTROVERSY WITH THE SHERIFF. I'LL COMMENT ABOUT IT
11 IN A SECOND. I JUST WANT TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
12 COUNTY COUNSEL AND I GUESS WHOEVER ON THE BOARD COULD HELP, WE
13 ALL RECALL THE DAY THAT WE CANCELED THE WORK HERE AT THE
14 COUNTY FOR THE GEORGE WALKER H. BUSH PASSING. AND THERE WAS A
15 NUMBER IN THE TIMES THAT WAS 10 MILLION DOLLARS. AND WE DID A
16 C.P.R.A. REQUEST TO JUST BE SURE THAT IT WAS EITHER A LITTLE
17 BELOW OR A LITTLE ABOVE SO WE KNOW THE NUMBER GOING FORWARD
18 FOR WHEN THE NEXT GREAT DIGNITARY DIES, AND WE DECIDE, NOT TO
19 TAKE A POLITICAL ACTION, BUT TO RESPECT SOMEONE WHO PEOPLE
20 APPARENTLY ON THE BOARD FELT DESERVED THAT RESPECT. THERE MAY
21 BE OTHERS. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW THAT ACTUAL NUMBER. AND
22 SO, THE RESPONSE FROM THE COUNTY WAS, "WE'LL CHARGE YOU
23 \$2100." THE PUBLIC WILL PAY THE 10 MILLION, OR THE 11 MISSION,
24 OR THE 9 MILLION, WHATEVER IT TURNS OUT TO BE, BUT THE \$2100
25 TO GET THE ACTUAL IS BEING SENT TO THE PUBLIC. I WOULD REALLY

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1 ASK THAT THE C.E.O., OR THE AUDITOR WHO HAS OUTREACH MONEY,
2 COVER THAT COST.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **HERMAN HERMAN:** OUT WITH THAT PERSON WHO COMMITS DOMESTIC
7 VIOLENCE. STOP THIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. I'M
8 PRETTY SURE IT'S NOT JUST OFFENSIVE, BUT IT IS A THREAT
9 AGAINST OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO TELL ALEX VILLANUEVA NO
10 [EXPLETIVE]. IN ADDITION TO THAT, I'M SUBMITTING FOR THE
11 RECORD MY FIVE COPIES TO EACH SUPERVISOR IN ADDITION TO MISS
12 WICKHAM THERE BECAUSE I WAS DISCRIMINATED ATTENDING THE
13 METROPOLITAN COURTHOUSE. I WAS ASKED INAPPROPRIATE QUESTIONS.
14 I WAS CHALLENGED TO STAY OUT OF THE BUILDING UNTIL I COULD
15 ANSWER QUESTIONS. AND THAT IS RETALIATION. I DON'T KNOW WHERE
16 THE HELL THAT COMES FROM. WHO'S ASKING THESE INAPPROPRIATE,
17 STUPID QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT A SERVICE DOG, OR A
18 PSYCHIATRIC SERVICE DOG? LEARN THE D.O.J. RULES AND FOLLOW THE
19 GUIDELINES UNDER THE AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT, AND BY THE WAY,
20 MISS BARGER'S NOT HERE FOR THE RECORD.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE COPIES OF THAT AND
23 DISTRIBUTE IT TO THE BOARD, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **DARRELL KRUSE:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM DARRELL KRUSE. I
2 WAS TOLD THAT JOSEPH DANGERFIELD WOULD HANDLE THE
3 ENFORCEMENT. SO I PROBABLY MADE DOZENS OF PHONE CALLS TO
4 JOSEPH DANGERFIELD OVER THE YEARS. AND THEY ALL WENT THE SAME.
5 I'D SAY I'D LIKE TO OPEN UP MY DISPENSARY. AND I NEEDED A
6 LICENSE. AND HE SAID WE DON'T ALLOW THEM. AND I'D GIVE THEM AN
7 ADDRESS. AND THE FUNNIEST ONE WAS AFTER HE SPENT A YEAR TRYING
8 TO GET RID OF A.M.C.C., I CALLED HIM UP. AND THE COURTS HAD
9 JUST TOLD THEM THEY HAD TO LEAVE. I CALLED HIM UP. I SAID I'D
10 LIKE TO GET MY LICENSE. AND HE SAID WE DON'T ALLOW THEM. I
11 SAID WHAT ABOUT THE ONE ON ARROW HIGHWAY? HE SAID NAH, WE SHUT
12 THEM DOWN. I SAID REALLY THE ONE AT -- I GAVE HIM THE EXACT
13 ADDRESS NEXT TO THE THE LIBRARY? HE GOES WHEN DID THEY GET
14 THERE? I SAID THEY JUST MOVED IN YESTERDAY. HOW COME YOU
15 HAVEN'T SHUT THEM DOWN? WHY HAVEN'T I GOT MY LICENSE YET? I'VE
16 BEEN ASKING FOR 14 YEARS. I WAS THE FIRST ONE. SINCE NOVEMBER
17 OF 2004, I'VE OPERATED THE SPEAKEASY IN CANYON --

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21 **GEROGE BUZZETTI:** OKAY. I SAY DOWN WITH VILLANUEVA, TOO. AFTER
22 ALL, WHO AM I? WHY? FOR SIX YEARS, SOLAYUS KING IV AND I, AS
23 COURT CALIFORNIA, WE'RE THE ONLY THE ONES THAT WORKED WITH
24 SHERIFF BACA AND ALL THE LEGISLATION AND INVITED PARTNERS INTO
25 THE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD. IF YOU GO TO MY YOUTUBE SITE,

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1 YOU'LL SEE THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS VIDEOS OF ALL OF THE
2 CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD. THE NEW ONE'S A JOKE. NOW FOR YOU
3 FOOLS RIGHT HERE, GOVERNMENT CODE, AND IDIOT, MARY THE WICKED
4 WITCH WICKHAM, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54959. BETTER GIVE US
5 THOSE JAIL STUFF, OR WE GOT TO DEAL WITH MISDEMEANORS EVERY
6 TIME YOU REFUSE. 11130.7, SAME DAMN THING. THIS IS GETTING
7 GIVEN TO YOU ALL. OH, HERE'S CALIFORNIANS AWARE, JANUARY 9,
8 2012. I'M PUBLIC SPEAKING. WHAT HAVE I BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT?
9 JANUARY 2012, A.C.L.U., THAT'S THREE OF US, OKAY? OH, CIVIL
10 CODE SECTION 1708 --

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** EVERY PERSON FOUND WITHOUT CONTRACT ABSTAINED
15 FROM INJURING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD. NEXT
18 SPEAKER. ONE OF YOU GO.

19

20 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I NEED TWO MINUTES.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE WE'RE GIVING EVERYBODY ONE MINUTE.

23

24 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** WHEN DID YOU SAY THAT? AND WHERE IS OUR
25 QUORUM? QUORUM.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO AHEAD? SOMEBODY SPEAK.

3

4 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** IT'S AN ILLEGAL MEETING, NO QUORUM.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS CLICKING.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** SO I CAME HERE BEGINNING FOR THE INVESTIGATION WITH
13 MY EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY. ALSO, I WENT AHEAD AND HANDED
14 IN A 900-PAGE FOUR YEAR INVESTIGATION FROM THE STATE
15 RETALIATION OF LABOR BOARD. I HAVE SOME MORE THAT YOU NEED TO
16 READ. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT'S SO BAD, I DON'T EVEN WANT TO
17 GO AHEAD AND SAY WHAT IT IS. AND THIS IS ALL HAPPENING,
18 DOCUMENTED THROUGH THE COURT. AND I THINK THAT THE BOARD NEEDS
19 TO GO AHEAD AND SEE THIS AS PART OF MY INVESTIGATION.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAND IT IN?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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2 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** ACCORDING TO THE COURT'S PUBLIC DOCKET, MY
5 CONSERVATORSHIP IS ALWAYS SUPPOSED TO END ON A YEAR FROM THE
6 DATE THAT THEY SAY IT'S BEEN A YEAR, BUT IT DOESN'T. SO IT'S A
7 LIE BY THE COURT. THEY SAY MY CONSERVATORSHIP IS GOING TO END
8 ON A YEAR FROM A DATE. AND THEY ALWAYS REAPPOINT IT. THE
9 PUBLIC DOCKET SAYS IT WILL TERMINATE. AND THEN THEY PUT ME ON
10 CHARGES FOR THE SAME OFFENSE EVERY YEAR OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
11 IT'S DOUBLE JEOPARDY WHETHER I DO ANYTHING WRONG OR NOT, AND
12 IT'S NOT RIGHT. I WISH I HAD TWO MINUTES. I SEND IN THE PUBLIC
13 DOCKET THAT GOES WITH IT. IT SHOWS THE SAME CASE FOR 10 YEARS
14 NOW. AND IT SHOWS THAT EVERY YEAR THAT THE JUDGE SAYS THAT THE
15 CASE IS GOING TO TERMINATE. BUT IT DOESN'T. SO THE JUDGE MAKES
16 A LIE OUT OF THE COURT. IT'S A PERJURY BY THE COURT. I COULD
17 HAVE MADE IT MORE UNDERSTOODABLE HAD I BEEN GIVEN TWO MINUTES
18 LIKE THE PAMPHLET SAYS, SEE.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO TURN IN SOMETHING FOR US
21 TO READ?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I GAVE TO IT THE LADY.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE.

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
5 ANGELES. I'M HERE RESPECTFULLY TO ADDRESS YOU. IN CONTINUANCE
6 OF THE INSTRUCTIONS OF SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, I'M HERE TO
7 PRESENT MY EMPLOYER I.D. NUMBER FOR THE PROGRAM FOR
8 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS LIVING IN THE STREETS. THANK YOU
9 FOR ALL YOUR ATTENTION AND YOUR HELP.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY MORE SPEAKERS TO
12 BE CALLED UP ON PUBLIC COMMENT?

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** ONE MORE. ONE MORE. OH, JAMES.

15

16 **JAMES ESSEX:** A POEM. WHEN OUR NEIGHBOR SHOT THE MOTHER, MY
17 STEPDAD BROUGHT HER ORPHANED CUB HOME WITH HIM TO BE TEDDY
18 BEAR EXTRAORDINAIRE FOR HIS NEW CUB, AGE SEVEN THEN, AND NOW
19 YOURS TRULY. FOR THE PAST 70 YEARS, I'VE EXERCISED MY
20 UNDERSTANDING ABOUT LONG LIFE LIVING CLOSE TO NATURE. FOR 22
21 YEARS, I LIVED ON A MOUNTAIN TOP IN MALIBU. I LOVE THE SANTA
22 MONICA MOUNTAINS. I PROTECTED THEM. WHEN THE FIRE CAME, I
23 STAYED THERE AND MADE SURE EVERYTHING WAS SAFE. WE HAD MANY
24 ANIMALS. AND EVERY ANIMAL SURVIVED. AND NOW, I KNOW WHAT I
25 WANT TO DO BEFORE THIS BOARD. SHEILA KUEHL, I WANT TO HAVE A

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1 CONVERSATION WITH YOU REGARDING WHAT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO AND
2 LEND INSIGHT TO THINGS THAT NOBODY ELSE UNDERSTANDS. THANK YOU
3 VERY MUCH.

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THOSE
6 ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE ADDRESSED US ON PUBLIC
7 COMMENT? OKAY. AND NOW, IT'S APPROPRIATE TO HEAR OUR
8 ADJOURNMENTS. AND WE'LL GO IN THE ORDER OF 3, 4, 5, 1, AND 2.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN
11 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LUKE PERRY.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THE ACTOR WHO DIED ON MARCH 4TH. AS A YOUNG ACTOR,
16 I THINK MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF US KNEW HIM PLAYING DYLAN
17 MCKAY ON "BEVERLY HILLS 90210," WHICH EXPLORED, FOR THE FIRST
18 TIME, KIND OF A LOT OF CANDOR AND HONESTY THE LIVES OF
19 ADOLESCENTS. AND I KNOW WHEREOF I SPEAK BECAUSE I WAS ON A
20 SERIES THAT DID NOT EXPLORE THE LIVES OF ADOLESCENTS WITH A
21 LOT OF CANDOR AND HONESTY BUT WITH A LOT OF COMEDY. BUT
22 "BEVERLY HILLS 90210" WAS QUITE DIFFERENT. AND HE WAS QUITE
23 DIFFERENT. HE SORT OF SET THE BAR FOR THE BAD KID WHO WASN'T
24 ACTUALLY TOO BAD. HE WENT ON TO APPEAR IN SHOWS, INCLUDING
25 "JEREMIAH," "OZ," "WINDFALL," AND "JOHN FROM CINCINNATI," AND

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1 RECENTLY BEGAN APPEARANCES IN THE SERIES -- SUCCESSFUL SERIES
2 "RIVERDALE." HIS FILM APPEARANCES INCLUDED, "GOOD INTENTIONS,"
3 "RED WING," AND "BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER." HE ALSO PLAYED
4 BRAD IN THE BROADWAY PRODUCTION OF "THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE
5 SHOW." HE WAS A TALENTED YOUNG MAN, AND IT'S REALLY A SHAME TO
6 HAVE HIM PASS AWAY SO EARLY IN HIS LIFE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
7 CHILDREN, JACK AND SOPHIE, HIS MOTHER, ANN, SIBLINGS, TOM AND
8 AMY, HIS FIANCEE, WENDY, HIS STEPFATHER, STEVE, AND HIS EX-
9 WIFE, MINNIE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MITZI HOAG BEGGS, AN ACTRESS WHO DIED ON
11 FEBRUARY 26TH, HAD A 40-YEAR CAREER IN STAGE, FILM, AND
12 TELEVISION AND WON ACCLAIM FOR HER ROLES IN "HELOISE," "THE
13 MIRACLE WORKER," AND "JOE EGG," AND HAD RECURRING ROLES ON
14 "HERE COME THE BRIDES," AND "THE FACTS OF LIFE," ALONG WITH
15 GUEST T.V. SPOTS ON "BONANZA," "THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY," AND
16 "S.W.A.T." SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JON, AND DAUGHTER,
17 ABBIE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
18 MEMORY OF EMMY NOMINATED ACTRESS KATHERINE HELMOND, WHO DIED
19 ON FEBRUARY 23RD. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER PORTRAYAL OF
20 UNAPOLOGETIC CONTEMPORARY MATRIARCHS IN "SOAP" AND "WHO'S THE
21 BOSS?" AND "COACH." SHE APPEARED IN TERRY GILIAM'S "BRAZIL"
22 AND "TIME BANDITS" AND LENT HER VOICE TO LIZZIE THE MODEL T IN
23 THE "CARS" FRANCHISE. SHE WAS NOMINATED FOR 7 EMMYS AND THREE
24 GOLDEN GLOBES, OF WHICH SHE WON TWO. SHE ALSO HAD A SUCCESSFUL
25 STAGE CAREER, APPEARING ON BROADWAY AND REGIONAL PRODUCTIONS

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1 AND WITH HER OWN REPERTORY THEATER COMPANY. HER WORK IN "THE
2 GREAT GOD BROWN" EARNED HER A TONY NOMINATION. SHE'S SURVIVED
3 BY HER HUSBAND, DAVID, AND HER HALF-SISTER, ALICE. AND I MOVE
4 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES
5 ORECKLIN, A UROLOGIST AND PROFESSOR, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY
6 25TH. HE PRACTICED MEDICINE ON THE WEST SIDE. HE TAUGHT AT
7 U.C.L.A. HE SERVED AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA'S
8 I.M.P.A.C.T. PROGRAM FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS WITH PROSTATE
9 CANCER. HE WAS AN INDIAN GUIDES LEADER, CAMP DOCTOR, COFOUNDER
10 OF THE HAVURAH COMMUNITY-BUILDING PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY
11 SYNAGOGUE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PHILIPPA, AND HIS
12 CHILDREN, SHAINNA, LARRY, MICHELE, AND DAVID. AND I MOVE THAT
13 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SAUL LEON
14 BROWN. HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE THALIANS CLINIC FOR EMOTIONALLY
15 DISTURBED CHILDREN, OF THE FAMILY AND CHILD DIVISION OF THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AT CEDARS-SINAI HOSPITAL, AND LATER
17 DIRECTOR OF THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS A PIONEER IN FAMILY
18 THERAPY AND ESTABLISHED THE WARM LINE COUNSELING HOTLINE FOR
19 NEW PARENTS AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PARENTING CENTER AT
20 CEDARS-SINAI. HE ALSO OPERATED A PRIVATE PRACTICE FOR OVER 30
21 YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, HELEN, HIS CHILDREN, JANINE,
22 JONATHAN, GORDON, AND EMILY, AND HIS STEPSON, MARK. THANK YOU,
23 MADAM CHAIR.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DIXIE BLACKWELDER, WHO
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WAS RAISED IN SAN PEDRO,
4 ATTENDED SEVENTH STREET SCHOOL, DANA JUNIOR HIGH, AND SAN
5 PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED VOCALIST AND
6 VIOLINIST, AND HER FATHER WAS JOHN GIBSON, WHO WAS AN L.A.
7 CITY COUNCILMEMBER IN THE 15TH DISTRICT FOR 30 YEARS. DIXIE
8 MARRIED HER HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEART, DEAN BLACKWELDER. THEY
9 BOTH FELT CALLED TO THE MISSION FIELD AT AN EARLY AGE. DEAN
10 ATTENDED FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AND DIXIE BECAME THE
11 FIRST WOMAN TO AUDIT CLASSES THERE. AND IN 1951, THEY DECIDED
12 TO LEAVE SAN PEDRO TO SPEND 30 YEARS SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF
13 JESUS IN NORTH AND SOUTH BRAZIL. DIXIE WAS THE MOTHER OF FOUR
14 AND RAISED HER CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE WITH HER IN THE
15 MINISTRY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DEAN, THEIR FOUR
16 CHILDREN, TEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I
17 ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
18 OF EMILY MAYNEZ, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76. SHE WAS
19 BORN AND RAISED IN WILMINGTON, AND AFTER GRADUATING FROM
20 BANNING HIGH SCHOOL, SHE ATTENDED BEAUTY SCHOOL AND RECEIVED
21 HER COSMETOLOGY LICENSE. IN 1963, EMILY MARRIED HER HUSBAND,
22 CHRISTY MAYNEZ. TOGETHER, THEY OWNED AND OPERATED HARBOR
23 WEIGHERS, WHICH IS STILL A THRIVING BUSINESS IN THE WILMINGTON
24 INDUSTRIAL PARK. EMILY IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF ALMOST 56
25 YEARS, CHRISTY, DAUGHTER, ROZANNE, SON, MICHAEL, AND NIECE,

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1 CATHY FAMILATHE, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT
2 GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN
3 MEMORY OF HAROLD "HAL" CROYTS, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
4 98. HE WAS A 26-YEAR AIR FORCE VETERAN. HE SERVED IN WORLD WAR
5 II, THE KOREAN WAR, AND HE RECEIVED THE LEGION OF MERIT MEDAL
6 FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LUNAR
7 MODULE WHILE ASSIGNED TO N.A.S.A. HAL SERVED ON THE LOMITA
8 CITY COUNCIL FOR FOUR TERMS. AND AS A COUNCILMEMBER, HE WAS
9 PROUD TO REPRESENT LOMITA AS PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA
10 CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION, THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
11 ASSOCIATION. HE ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF LOMITA SISTER CITY
12 ASSOCIATION, LOMITA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FRIENDS OF THE LOMITA
13 LIBRARY, LOMITA-HARBOR CITY KIWANIS CLUB, NARBONNE P.T.S.A.,
14 AND THE GATEWAY COUNCIL P.T.S.A. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
15 LINDA, SIX CHILDREN, TEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE GREAT
16 GRANDCHILDREN. HE HAD A LOT TO DO WITH THE FORMING -- OR WITH
17 WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CITY OF LOMITA. AND THEN I MOVE THAT WHEN
18 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TED KNOLL, WHO
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. HE WAS A LONG TIME HOMELESS
20 ADVOCATE. HE HELPED FOUND A HOMELESS SHELTER IN UNINCORPORATED
21 SOUTH WHITTIER, WHICH LED TO THE CREATION OF WHITTIER AREA
22 FIRST DAY. THE ORGANIZATION INITIALLY COORDINATED A COLD
23 WEATHER SHELTER AND REFERRALS FOR SERVICE, AND TODAY, THEY
24 PROVIDE OUTREACH, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, HOUSING, HEALTH,
25 ADVOCACY, AND MANY OTHER SERVICES. TED SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE

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1 DIRECTOR OF WHITTIER AREA FIRST DAY FOR 15 YEARS, AND AFTER
2 RETIRING, TED CONTINUED HIS WORK AS A CONSULTANT AND LAST YEAR
3 HELPED WRITE THE CITY OF WHITTIER'S HOMELESS PLAN. HE WAS ALSO
4 AN EQUAL RIGHTS ADVOCATE FOR THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY AND WORKED
5 AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER FOR THE FIRST A.I.D.S. WALK FOR
6 A.I.D.S. PROJECT LOS ANGELES. TED IS SURVIVED BY HIS HUSBAND,
7 RICHARD CISNEROS, NEPHEW, ZACHARY KNOLL, AND SISTER-IN-LAW,
8 DIANE KNOLL. HE PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY AND REALLY WILL BE
9 MISSED FOR ALL HE DID TO HELP OTHERS. OKAY. AND I'M ALSO GOING
10 TO DO ONE FOR SUPERVISOR BARGER SINCE SHE'S NOT HERE. AND WHEN
11 WE ADJOURN, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF KATHY
12 GUADALUPE BALDERRAMA, A FRIEND OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WHO
13 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 15TH AT THE AGE OF 59. SHE WAS AN
14 ANIMAL LOVER AND WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER SWEET SMILE AND
15 FUN SENSE OF HUMOR. KATHY IS SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS, DOLORES
16 AND EDWARD, HER DAUGHTER, STEPHANIE, HER SISTERS, MARY ANN AND
17 NANCY, BROTHERS, ANTHONY, EDWARD, JR., AND DONALD, AS WELL AS
18 12 AUNTS AND UNCLES AND 67 COUSINS. THANK YOU, THOSE ARE MINE.

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20 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS.
21 I, ALONG WITH YOURSELF, SUPERVISOR HAHN, MOVE THAT WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MATILDA LOPEZ.
23 MATILDA LOPEZ WAS BORN ON AUGUST 23RD, 1926 IN MAZATLAN,
24 SINALOA, MEXICO. SHE DIED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH OF THIS YEAR
25 AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS THE NINTH OF 10 CHILDREN. AT THE AGE

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1 OF 3, HER FATHER SUFFERED AN UNTIMELY DEATH, AND AS A RESULT,
2 HER MOTHER, A YOUNG WIDOW AT AGE 44, MOVED EVERYONE TO LOS
3 ANGELES. MATILDA ATTENDED JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL AND MET HER
4 FUTURE HUSBAND, ANTELMO SANTINI LOPEZ. THEY WERE MARRIED AT
5 ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ON APRIL 19TH, 1947. THEY EVENTUALLY MOVED
6 TO THEIR HOME IN SOUTH GATE WHERE ANTELMO ESTABLISHED A
7 SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS, GARFIELD UPHOLSTERY. DURING THOSE EARLY
8 YEARS, THEY WERE BLESSED WITH EIGHT CHILDREN, SUE, DANNY, JIM,
9 VICTOR, ALBERT, TERRI, TONY, AND DAVID. DAVID IS THE HUSBAND
10 OF OUR COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHER, DIANDRA, WHO HAS JUST EXCHANGED
11 VOWS THIS SUNDAY. THE FAMILY'S BLESSINGS CONTINUED WITH 17
12 GRANDCHILDREN, 11 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. MATILDA'S LOVE AND
13 DEVOTION AND PRIDE IN ALL HER CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND
14 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN IS A LEGACY THAT WILL RESONATE. IN HER
15 HUMILITY AND UNSELFISH CONCERN FOR HER FAMILY, MATILDA WILL
16 FOREVER BE THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF GOD'S VISION OF A LOVING AND
17 DEVOTED MOTHER. ALTHOUGH SHE DIED OF A LENGTHY AND PROLONGED
18 BATTLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S, THE LOVE, DEVOTION, AND GRATITUDE OF
19 ALL HER FAMILY WILL ALWAYS REMAIN WRITTEN ON HER BEAUTIFUL
20 HEART. SECONDLY, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF
21 ANDRE PREVIN. ANDRE PREVIN, THE PRODIGIOUSLY TALENTED PIANIST,
22 COMPOSER, AND CONDUCTOR, DIED LAST THURSDAY AT THE AGE OF 89.
23 ANDRE PREVIN WAS BORN IN 1929 TO GERMAN-JEWISH PARENTS WHO
24 FLED NAZI-ERA GERMANY FOR THE UNITED STATES. DESPITE THEIR
25 DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION, HIS PARENTS INSISTED THAT HE

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1 CONTINUE HIS PIANO AND COMPOSITION STUDIES IN THE UNITED
2 STATES. HE BEGAN COMPOSING FOR HOLLYWOOD AT THE AGE OF 16. AND
3 BY THE AGE OF 18, HE WAS A COMPOSER-CONDUCTOR FOR M.G.M. MR.
4 PREVIN COULD PLAY AND COMPOSE A WIDE RANGE OF MUSIC. HE
5 CONDUCTED AND COMPOSED FOR THE WORLD'S BEST CLASSICAL
6 SYMPHONIES AND ORCHESTRAS BUT WAS EQUALLY SKILLED IN JAZZ,
7 CINEMATIC SCORES, AND MORE AVANT GARDE PROJECTS. OVER THE
8 COURSE OF HIS CAREER, HE WON FOUR ACADEMY AWARDS, 10 GRAMMYS,
9 AND A 2010 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE GRAMMYS. HE
10 SERVED AS A CONDUCTOR OF THE LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE
11 ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. MR. PREVIN WAS ALSO THE MUSIC
12 CONDUCTOR FOR THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, PITTSBURG
13 SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, AND THE OSLO PHILHARMONIC, AND THE LOS
14 ANGELES PHILHARMONIC. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS PROLIFIC
15 BODY OF WORK, UNIQUE PERSONALITY, AND FOR BRINGING A WIDER
16 CONSCIOUSNESS TO CLASSICAL MUSIC. MR. PREVIN IS SURVIVED BY
17 HIS NINE CHILDREN, EX-SPOUSES, AND A HOST OF FAMILY, FRIENDS,
18 AND COLLEAGUES WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. THANK YOU, MADAM
19 CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE. OKAY, THANK YOU. WE
22 WILL TAKE ALL THESE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. OH MY GOSH. I LEFT
23 YOU.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU DID SAY SECONDED SO THAT WAS MY CUE.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. WE LEFT THE GREAT SECOND. LAST
3 BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. I
6 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA E. STIGER,
7 BORN JUNE 6TH, 1924 IN GUYANA AND PASSED ON FEBRUARY THE 22ND
8 IN SACRAMENTO, AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE MOVED TO LONDON AS A
9 YOUNG GIRL, THEN SURVIVED THE LONDON BOMBING DURING WORLD WAR
10 II. MS. STIGER FOUND AND USED ART AS A CREATIVE OUTLET DURING
11 THE WAR AND PURSUED A CAREER AS A TEXTILE DESIGNER AND ARTIST.
12 MOST NOTABLY, SHE DESIGNED THE MATERIALS FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH'S
13 CORONATION. MS. STIGER WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER CREATIVITY
14 AND APPRECIATION OF FAMILY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION. MS.
15 STIGER IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 62 YEARS, JOSEPH, HER
16 SON, BRIAN, WHO'S THE COUNTY'S OWN CHIEF LEGISLATIVE
17 REPRESENTATIVE IN SACRAMENTO, TWO DAUGHTERS, MICHELE AND
18 RENEE, EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL MOST ASSUREDLY
19 MISS PATRICIA E. STIGER. AND I SUSPECT ALL MEMBERS WOULD LIKE
20 TO BE A PART OF THAT. NATHANIEL TAYLOR, JR. BORN MARCH 31,
21 1938 IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI AND PASSED ON FEBRUARY 27TH HERE
22 IN LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 80. HE WAS A RECURRING CAST
23 MEMBER ON THE "SANFORD AND SON" TELEVISION SERIES AND APPEARED
24 IN 32 EPISODES FROM 1972 TO 1977. MR. TAYLOR ALSO APPEARED ON
25 OTHER TELEVISION SERIES AND FILMS SUCH AS "SANFORD," "WHAT'S

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1 HAPPENING, " "TROUBLE MAN," AND "THE HUNTER." HE WILL BE
2 REMEMBERED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENTERTAINMENT AND THE
3 ARTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LORETTA, THREE DAUGHTERS,
4 CHERYL, DONNA, AND LARONDA, AS WELL AS NATALIE, THREE SONS,
5 JAMAAL, KAEDI, AND NATE, JR., TWO SISTERS, BETTY AND MARY, ONE
6 BROTHER, EUGENE, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, SEVEN GREAT GRANDCHILDREN,
7 EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HIM DEARLY.
8 NATHANIEL TAYLOR, JR. MADAM CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, WE HAVE HEARD THEM ALL. AND
11 WE'LL TAKE ALL THESE MOTIONS AS SECONDED. IS THERE AN
12 OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THAT? SEEING NONE, THAT WILL
13 BE THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. MADAM EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO OUR CLOSED SESSION.

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16 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
17 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
18 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
19 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, ITEM CS-
20 2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND ITEM CS-3,
21 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED
22 STAFF.

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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
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5 **CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED**
6 **LITIGATION**

7 (Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

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10 Significant exposure to litigation (two cases). (19-1478)

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12 **No reportable action was taken.**

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15 **CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**
16 **(Government Code Section 54957)**

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18 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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20 **No reportable action was taken.**

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23 **CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
24 **(Government Code Section 54957.6)**

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26 Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief
27 Executive Officer, and designated staff

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29 Employee Organization(s) for represented employees: The
30 Coalition of County Unions, AFL-CIO; Local 721, SEIU, Union
31 of American Physicians and Dentists; Peace Officers Counsel
32 of California; Association of Public Defender Investigators;
33 Association of Deputy District Attorneys; Los Angeles County
34 Association of Environmental Health Specialists, Professional
35 Peace Officers Association; and

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37 Unrepresented employees (all). (17-0363)

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors March 5, 2019,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 11th day of March 2019, for the County records to be used only
17 for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES
21 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR